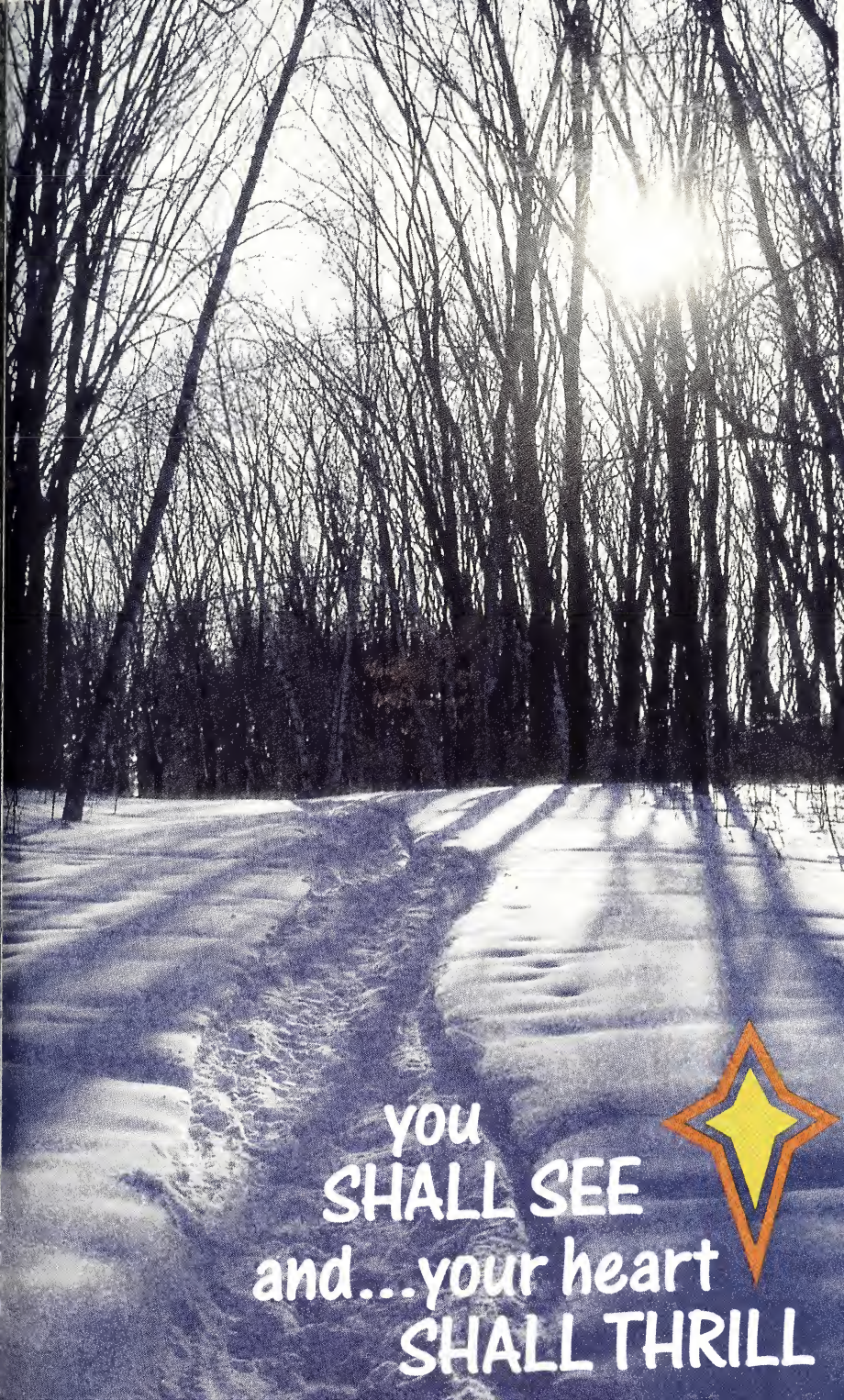


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Chris Harris and Scott Williamson, Acolytes today
Dr. John Hemphill, Liturgist today

Jan. 3, 1993 Second Sunday after Christmas 11:00 a.m.

Prelude "God, My Shepherd, Walkes Beside Me" J.S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "God Himself Is With Us" Joachim Neander

Call to Worship

L. Let us celebrate Christmas in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who came to us from the heart of God's own being, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

P. Like Jesus, we would seek at this season more to give than to receive, and more to love than to be loved.

L. We celebrate God's entering into our lives in human form, to bring light to all the world.

ALL: May every knee bow before the newborn Savior; with the angels, may every tongue sing: Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

*Hymn #134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, God with us, you came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. We have not always lived up to your expectations for us. We confess that too often we are -

- Improvished of spirit, Grant us the fullness of your grace.

- Wrapped up in ourselves. Open us to others.
- Slow to learn. Teach us of your ever-expanding truth.
- Proud over little. Whet our hunger and thirst for justice.
- Scattered like grains of the field. Gather us into a single loaf.
- Distracted of mind. Direct us to what is most important: your love for us, your will for our lives, and your sustaining Presence in every circumstance. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace (We share words of peace and reconcilation with one another.)
Leader: "The peace of Christ be with you"
People: "And also with you"

Anthem "Brightest and Best" Paul Sjolund
(The text is that of hymn #126)

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-6, John 1:1-18

Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
arr. Gordon Young

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Ordination of Deacons and Installation of Boards and Officers see insert

*Hymn #119 "As With Gladness Men Of Old"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

Meditation the Rev. Beth Lyon

Order for Holy Communion see insert

During the sharing of the elements, the congregation may join in singing:
Hymn #107 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
#287 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

*Hymn #118 "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

*Postlude "In Dulci Jubilo" J.S. Bach

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*The congregation may stand at these points.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Emmett and Katherine Floyd in loving memory of their deceased parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Floyd and Mr. Edward A. Holmes.

If you have not already done so, please pick up your 1993 Church Offering envelopes which are available in the upstairs back hall.

There will be a meeting of all New Boards immediately following this morning's worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to accept or select chairmen of the boards; elect council representatives (other than chairman); choose someone for the personnel committee and set meeting dates for the '93 year.

The Trustees will meet in the Aduot Bible Classroom. The Mission Board will meet in the Youth Room. The Board of Christian Education in the Seekers Classroom. The Deacons in the Church Library. The Evangelism Board in the Hurst Fellowship Classroom.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Patricia Woody.
Next Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Katherine Floyd.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

nister: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Lord is served.

ople: There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served.

nister: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

ople: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

nister: Christ is like a single body which has many parts.

ople: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

nister: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

ople: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

nister: These persons have been called by God, through their election by our congregation. They have accepted their call and stand before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the monistry of the Church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve in Christ's name and for his glory?

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mbers: I am.

nister: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

ficers
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mbers: I do.

Minister: (Addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them by standing in witness to the commitment we now make.

People: (standing) We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, come forward.)

Minister: The laying on of hands is a symbolic act whereb the Church in every age recognizes God's call i ministry in the lives of faithful women and mer and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them th gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon yo for the office of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on eac one in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of Deacon in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God you have called these persons to serve you in this Household of Faith, and in the world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon us al as we adventure together in this new year for Elon College Community Church. Empower these persons as they begin their duties. Energize your church to prosper in mission and service. Enable us all to be worthy of the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT II A

Invitation

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

P: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to God.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor:
Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor:
We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion
Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and
gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body
which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper,
saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim
Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and
await Christ's coming again.

People: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

Pastor:
Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup
and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit.
Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the
church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and
light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in
all the world.

People: Amen, Come, Holy Spirit.

Breaking Bread and Pouring the Cup

Pastor:
Through the broken bread we participate in the body
of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing we participate in the
new life Christ gives.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia!
Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

People: I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!

Sharing the Elements

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Leader: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

Child Care during worship today: Cile Welborn and Emily Woody. Next Sunday: Kim Perry and Lydia Troxler.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1993

PLAN TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH FOR A POT-LUCK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE. WE HAVE PLANNED A GOOD-BYE PROGRAM FOR THE REV. BETH LYON, MODERATED BY KEN HARPER.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan. 3	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Meeting of all Boards
Mon.,	Jan. 4	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
Tues.,	Jan. 5	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Wed.,	Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	Jan. 7	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
Fri.,	Jan. 8	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun.,	Jan. 10	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Pot-Luck Luncheon in honor of Beth Lyon
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 3, 1993

Isaiah 60:5

At Epiphany we remember magi who traveled far to see Jesus and old Simeon whose eyes lighted up when he saw the child. Epiphany is a time for seeing old things in new ways. Isaiah envisioned Israel as a center of commerce and leader of nations. We broaden the vision, seeing a child honored with gold, frankincense, and myrrh, bringing light and hope to a whole world, so that the old barriers between nations and peoples collapse and disappear. What a thrilling thing to see!

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
First Congregational Church
Rapid City, SD

IN OUR MIDST

"Uh oh," someone murmurs, and all eyes focus on the newcomer as she is wheeled into the sanctuary. There is a rustle of bulletins and scraping of feet as people nervously respond to the presence of the person with disabilities in their midst.

Why do the able-bodied treat people with disabilities as if they were contagious? Are we really so afraid of them?

Most of us have had little or no contact with people who have disabilities. We're so afraid that we might do something "wrong" that we don't do anything at all. But is there really anything as "wrong" as ignoring or avoiding them altogether?

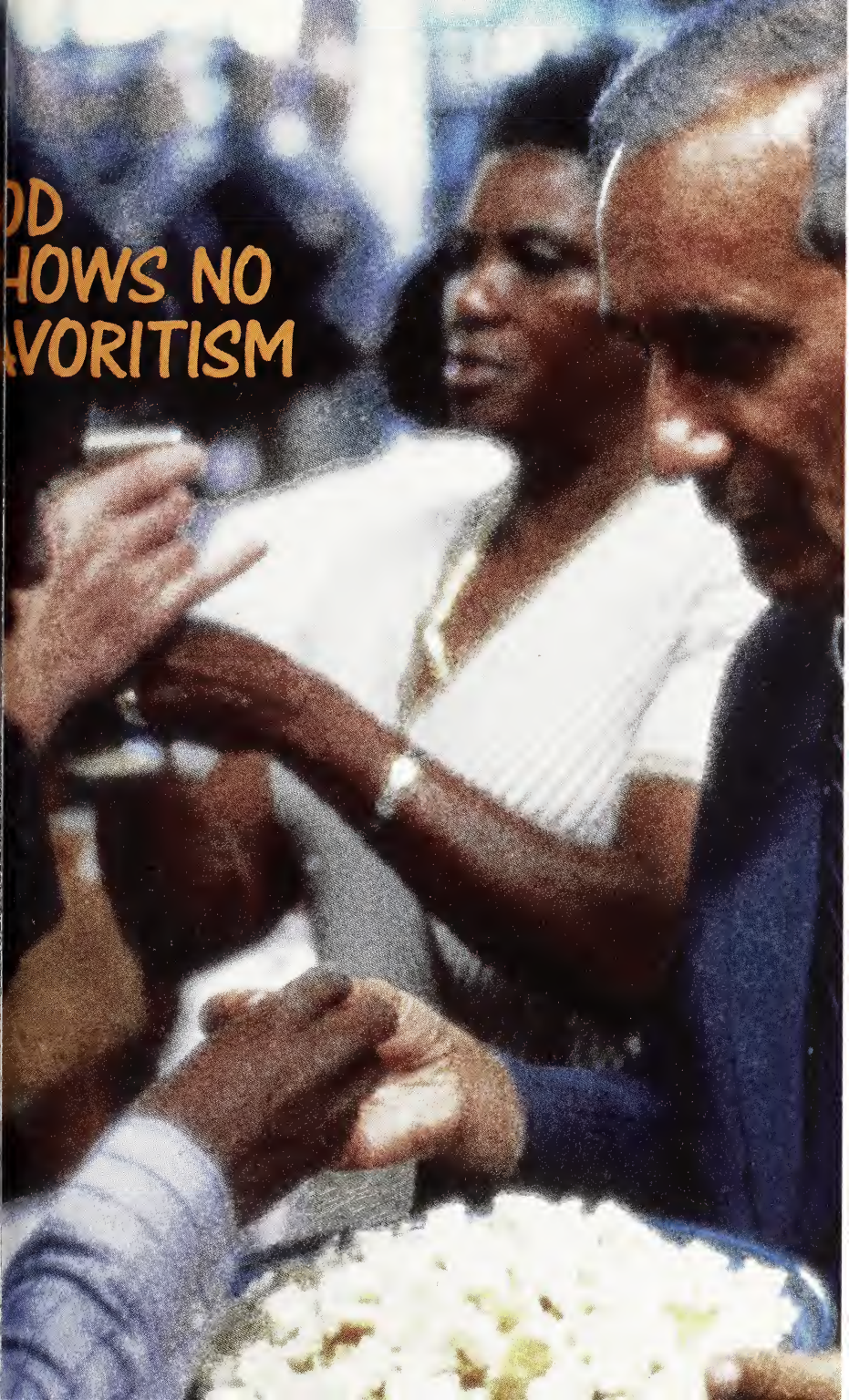
Let's start with ourselves. If we feel uneasy in the presence of people with disabilities, that's our problem. We can overcome it simply by looking past the disabilities to see the people themselves. Inside, they are just like us.

Now, let's turn to them. Nobody made a greater effort to come to church this morning than they did. Nobody felt more anxiety about the welcome: What if there is no easy access to the sanctuary? What if I can't find the door? What if no one helps me? Church should be the first place where people can gain some relief from anxieties about their disabilities. The Gospels tell us that Jesus reached out lovingly to them in particular. How can his church forget his example?

Let all of us who are able reach out to persons with disabilities. But let us remember to ask them if they need our assistance before we provide it.

This suggestion is endorsed by the UCC Committee on Persons with Disabilities, whose programs are supported by our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Jan. 10, 1993 First Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 a.m

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bac

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms
Introit "Great Art Thou" Alice Jorda
Call to Worship
L. Hear the voice of God, powerful and majestic; know the presence of God in whirlwind and flames.
P. God speaks to us in thunder and fire;
God is revealed in a quiet voice within us.
L. See the works of God in the life of Jesus, feel the Spirit gently descending on our gathering.
P. God calls us to ministries of healing.
God accepts and affirms us and fills us with light.
L. Remember your baptism and sense God's benediction; recall God's covenant and dare to live by it.
P. God takes us by the hand and keeps us.
God grants us a spirit of caring and service.

*Hymn #147 "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession
Tender, holy God, you have come in Christ to bring forth justice. Yet we confess we have been unjust to others, though seeking justice for ourselves. Your Chosen One nurtures the bruised reed and protects the dim light. Yet we say, "Only the strong survive," and reject the weakness in ourselves and others. Your Servant does not become discouraged but tirelessly seeks justice on earth.

We quickly grow tired and quit trying. Our hope is in you, gracious God. Forgive us and lead us by your hand, that we may show ourselves to be the people who bear Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace (We share words of peace and reconcilation with one another.)
Leader: "The peace of Christ be with you"
People: "And also with you"

Anthem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Trad.
Children's Choir

Time with Children

Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Holy Spirit, Live in Me" Charles Kirby

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon the Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon

Recognition of the End of a Ministry see insert

Lord's Prayer (using "Trespasses")

*Hymn #97 "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years"

*Benediction the Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcu

*Congregational Response Hymn #62 "God Be With You" (all stanzas)

*Postlude "Tuba Tune in D Major" C. S. Lan

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*The congregation may stand at these points.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard in honor of the wedding of Lee Ann Blanchard and John Long.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1993.

Child Care during worship today: Kim Perry and Lydia Troxler. Next Sunday: Jimma Causey and Tara McKenna.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Katherine Floyd. Nest Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Vera Dixon.

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RECOGNITION OF THE END OF A MINISTRY

Leader: Rev. Yvonne Beasley

On January 1, 1986, this local church called Beth Gassert Lyon to serve as Associate for Youth and Children's Ministries, and on March 1, 1992 this local church called Beth Gassert Lyon to serve as Interim Pastor.

Rev. Lyon
I thank Elon College Community Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last seven years.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

People:
We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Rev. Lyon
I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Rev. Beasley
Do you, the members and friends of Elon College Community Church release Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon from the duties of Interim Pastor?

People:
We do, with the help of God.

Rev. Beasley
Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

People:
We do, with the help of God.

Rev. Beasley
Do you, Beth Gassert Lyon, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Rev. Lyon
I do, with the help of God.

Rev. Beasley
Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Rev. Lyon
I do, with the help of God.

Rev. Beasley
On behalf of the Eastern Carolina Association of the Southern Conference and the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

People:
Thanks be to God.

All:
God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 10, 1993

Acts 10:34

Epiphany is a time of seeing old things in a new way. Peter had a vision that turned his comfortable world upside down. The non-kosher food and people that God's law rejected, God now told Peter to accept! The lesson that God has no favorites was hard for Peter to swallow—but he did it. We've had 2,000 years to get used to the idea and still struggle with it. The problem is that God shows no favoritism: but we do.

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
First Congregational Church
Rapid City, SD

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME FIRST

All of us are creatures. We were created; we didn't create ourselves. Our lives are a gift of God. So is everything we have. Even our children. We didn't create them. Like everything else we have, they are on loan to us.

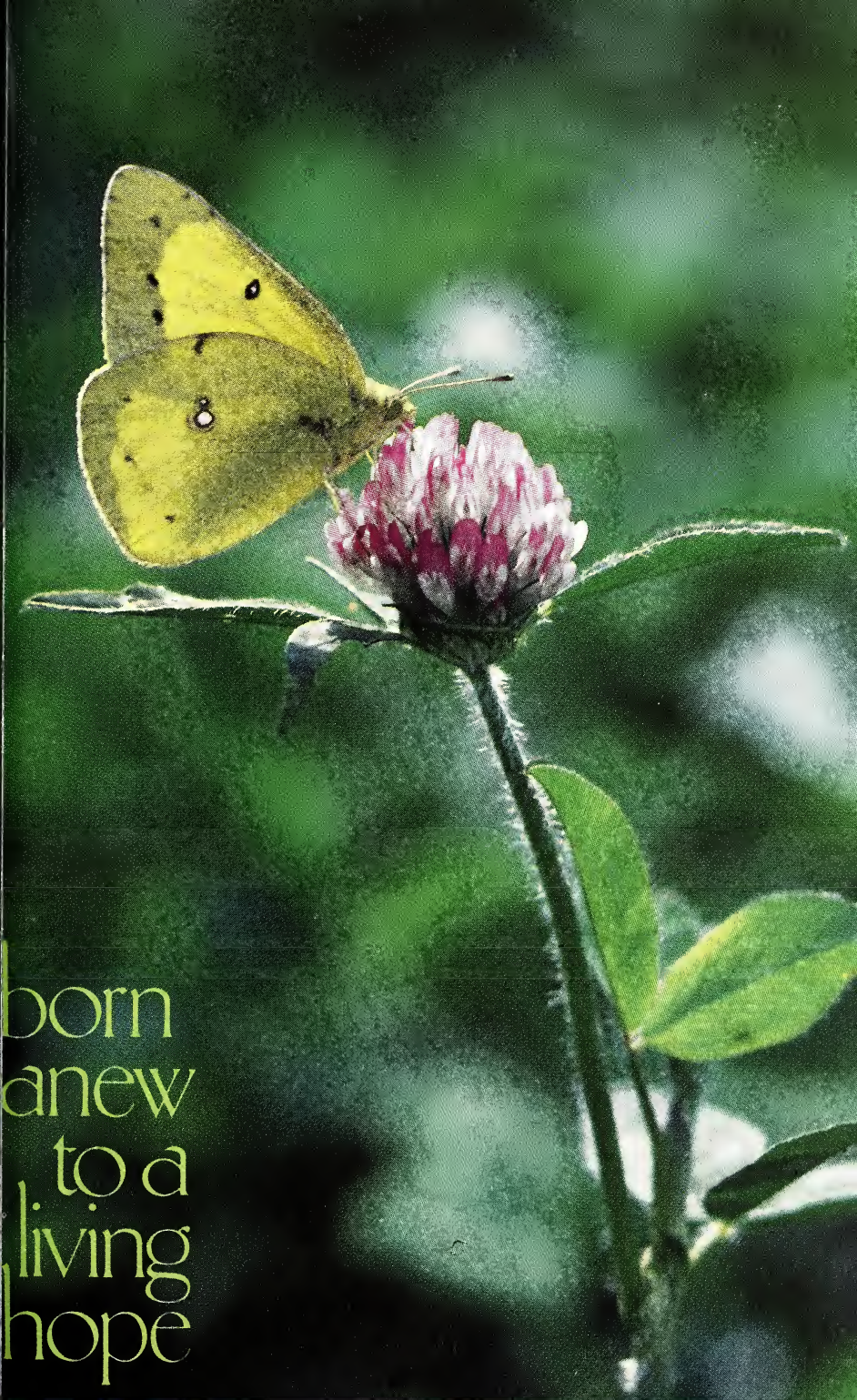
We treat some of God's gifts with indifference, others even worse. But who could imagine deliberately being a bad parent? All of us want the best for our children.

But what about other people's children? They're not our responsibility, we say. But in God's eyes, there are no distinctions between "our" children and "other" children because every child is a creature of God.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes...the one who sent me." (Mark 9:37) Not only are all children equal in the sight of God, but children come first with Jesus. "Let the little children come to me," he said, "...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Mark 10:14)

God's "kingdom" isn't some never-never land; it's what we are trying as Christians to build here and now. And if children have first claim to it, then no child should be allowed to go hungry. Yet, in the United States, six million children go to bed hungry every night. What does Jesus think of that?

The Campaign to End Hunger in America has made children its priority. With our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we help to feed all of God's children.


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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Order of worship for the Funeral of

JESSIE DAWSON HOOK

January 20, 1893 -- January 13, 1993

11:00 a.m. January 16, 199

ORGAN PRELUDE Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist

GREETING The Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

P. And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. Hear the promises of God. I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

We gather here as God's people, conscious of all who have died and of the frailty of our own existence on earth. We come to comfort and to support one another in our common loss. We gather to hear God's word of hope that can drive away our despair and move us to offer God our praise. We gather to commend to God with thanksgiving the life of Jessie Dawson Hook as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection. For whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ who is Lord both of the dead and of the living.

P. Blessed are they that rest from their labors for their deeds follow them!

HYMN #227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 23, I Corinthians 13

ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art" Ray Covington, soloist

EULOGY Dr. Earl Danieley

PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

SONG OF SIMEON (in unison)

Holy God,
Now let your servant free to go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight
of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

HYMN #272 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

BENEDICTION

L. May God bless you and keep you.
P. Amen.
L. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
P. Amen.
L. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.
P. Amen.
L. Alleluia. Christ is risen.
P. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.
L. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
P. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DAUGHTERS

Sara Virginia (Hook) Burton of Atlanta, Georgia

Irene (Hook) Covington of Sanford, North Carolina

Jeanne (Hook) Harrell of Concord, North Carolina

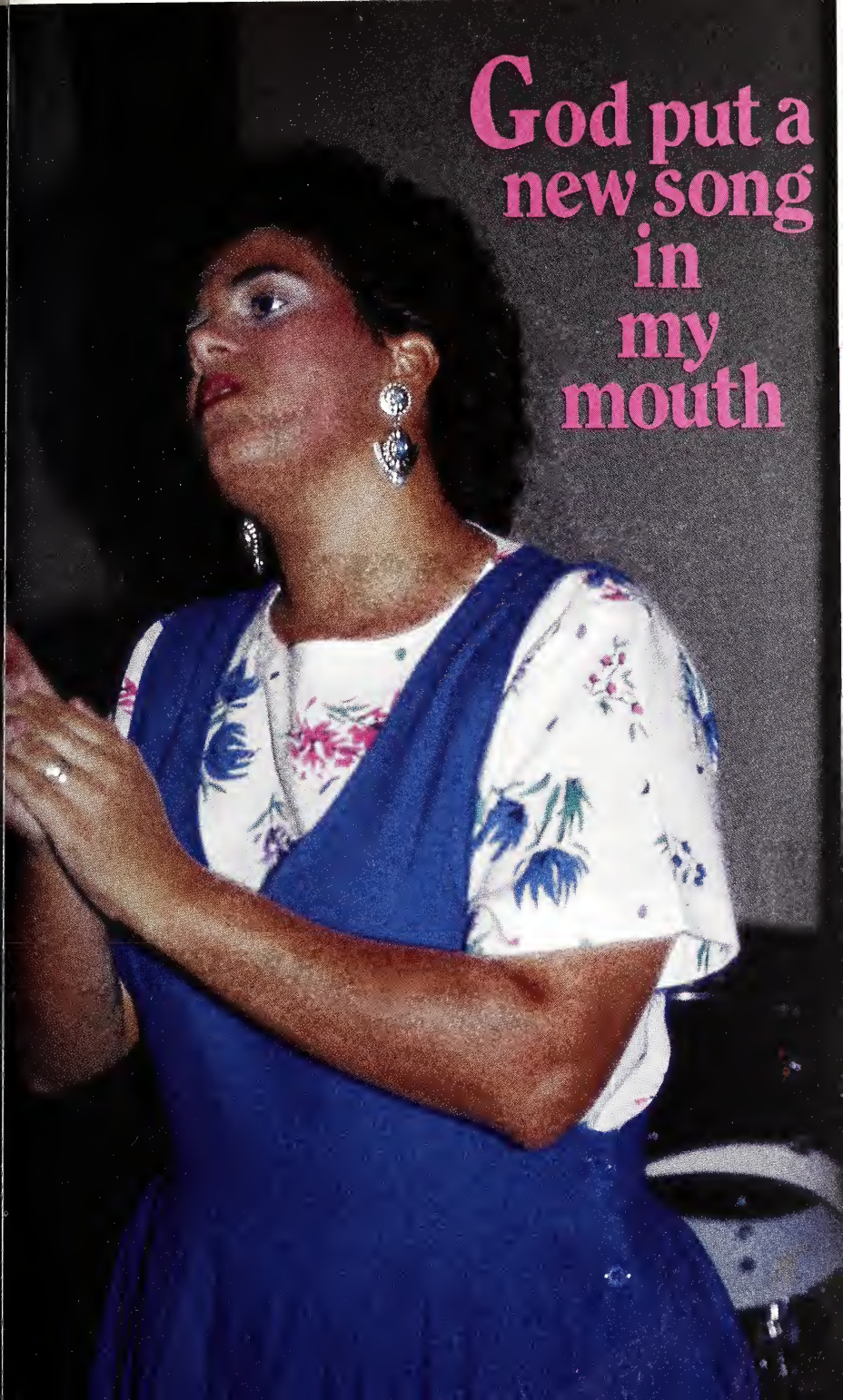
Patricia (Hook) Neal of Beaufort, North Carolina

14 Grandchildren
28 Great-Grandchildren

Alonzo L. Hook - late husband of Jessie Hook.

Grandsons - Ushers:

H. W. Burton, Jr.
Charles Burton
Al Covington
Don Covington
Bob Covington
Frank Covington
Ray Covington
Bryant Harrell
Craig Harrell


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Jan. 17, 1993 Second Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 a.m.

Prelude "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" Composer Unknown

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson

Call to Worship

L. People of God, called to be apostles of Jesus Christ:
gather in the grace and peace that God provides.

P. God puts a new song in our mouths;
we will sing of God's wondrous deeds.

*Hymn #20 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, we confess the uncertainty of our faith and the hesitancy of our commitment. We have misused the gifts you have given us, spending our strength for nothing but vanity. We have not trusted you or dared to risk courageous witness to the truth we have known. We have ignored your wondrous deeds and hidden the light you have asked us to carry into the world. Draw us back with your forgiving love, lest we sink beyond your reach. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

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People: "And also with you"

Anthem "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Dale Wood

Scripture Readings I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-34

Prayer

Call to Offering

Offering

Offertory "Liebster Jesu" Richard Purvis

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #225 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs)

Sermon the Rev. Jo Watson

*Hymn #446 "God the Omnipotent"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Go Forth in Joy!" Alice Jordan

*Postlude "To God on High Be Glory" Johann Walther

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*The congregation may stand at these points.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jessie Dawson (Mrs. A. L.) Hook by the family.

LAST CALL FOR ANNUAL REPORTS - MONDAY MORNING

JANUARY 18, 1993

Child Care during worship today: Jimma Causey and Tara McKenna. Next Sunday: Heidi Danieley and Amy Rose.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Vera Dixon. Nest Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Helene Ellis.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan. 17	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		4:30 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	YETS and Middle Highs to attend Martin Luther King Program at Williams High School
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Mon.,	Jan. 18	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tues.,	Jan. 19	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
Wed.,	Jan. 20	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	Jan. 21	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
Fri.,	Jan. 22	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 1993

Psalm 40:3

Epiphany gives us a new thing to see, a new truth to learn, and a new song to sing! Can't God be content with the old, traditional ways, the accepted truths, and (of course) the old hymns we learned (so long ago) in Sunday School? To our discomfort, the one who says "I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5) continually pushes us ahead to new things—even new songs! It's hard to do, but we must hurry to keep up with the One who leads us!

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
First Congregational Church
Rapid City, SD

JUST PEACE APPEAL

"Courage in the struggle for justice and peace" is one of the powerful affirmations in the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. It is central to the identity of our church. It is one of our most ardent prayers and richest blessings. To be part of the United Church of Christ is to be part of the struggle for justice and peace.

In 1985, the fifteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ adopted a pronouncement "Affirming the United Church of Christ to be a Just Peace Church."

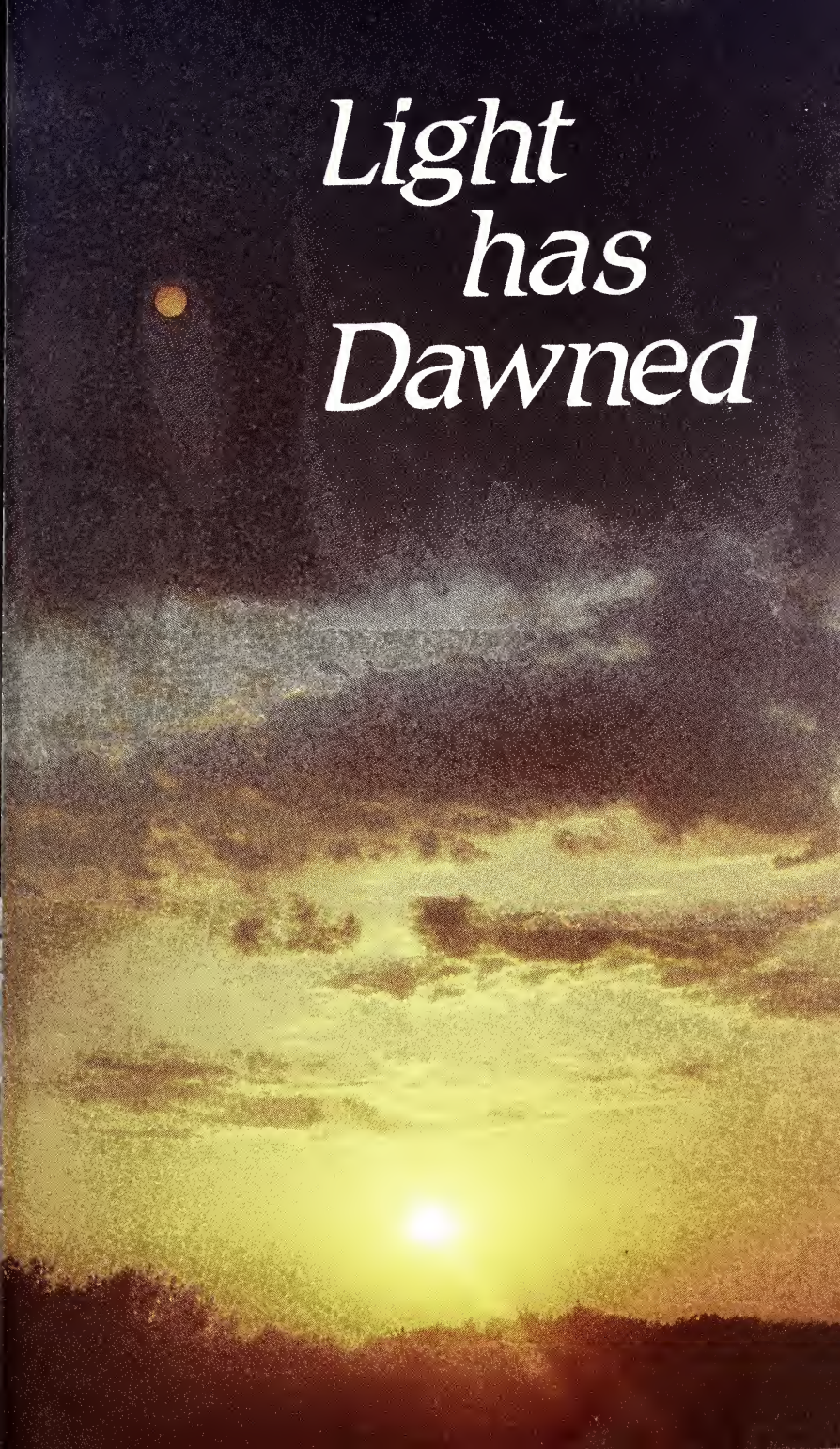
In 1987, the sixteenth General Synod established the Just Peace Appeal to support justice and peacemaking ministries in the United Church of Christ.

Since then, local UCC churches, which retain one-quarter of the offering, have initiated a wide variety of programs, from people-to-people exchanges to public forums.

UCC Conferences, which also retain one-quarter of the offering, have used their share in ministries of prophecy, witness, and reconciliation.

The national share of the Just Peace Appeal has been used to make grants to support ministries of peacemaking throughout the religious community.

The unique division of the offering reinforces the church-wide nature of building a Just Peace and provides congregations, Conferences, and national instrumentalities with the financial resources to do their tasks.


Light
has
Dawned

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus, Parish Associate — Phone: 584-03

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri
Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choirmaster
Elizabeth Mayse and Leigh Ann Batten, Acolytes today
Marie Acquilano, Liturtist today

Jan. 24, 1993 Third Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 a.m

Prelude Prelude on "Holy Manna" Alec Wyto

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "This Is the Day" Hal H. Hopso

Call to Worship

L. Come, all who have walked without light; come to the light that lives among us in Jesus Christ.

P. God is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? God is the stronghold of my life; I shall not be afraid.

L. Come, all who have quarreled or slandered another; come be united in one mind, one mission.

P. God invites us to find life's holy places; we are welcomed to the joy and shelter of God's care.

L. Come, all who would heed the invitation of Jesus; come together, to follow Jesus into the world.

P. God empowers us at the cross of Christ; we are eager to receive good news to share.

*Hymn #202 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, our light and our salvation, forgive our lack of faithfulness. Heal the brokenness that separates us one from another and from our own best selves. Rescue us from fears that immobilize and distort. Turn us from quarrels that hurt and destroy. Grant us new

depths of caring and fuller encounters with the One who heals and sends us out to tell our joy. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace (We share words of peace and reconcilation with one another.)
Leader: "The peace of Christ be with you"
People: "And also with you"

Anthem "Beautiful Saviour" arr. Tom Fettke

A Time With Children

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 1:10-17
Matthew 4:12-23

Prayer

Call to Offering

Offering

Offertory "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" J.S. Bach

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs)

Sermon "To Follow Where Christ Would Go"
the Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus

*Hymn "O God, Our Light" see insert
tune of #68

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Father, Give Thy Benediction"

*Postlude "Grand Choeur" William R. Spence

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Jessie Kimmerling by Jim and Roberta Starr.

The Board of Missions will meet Tuesday evening, January 26, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

The Burlington Area Men's Fellowship dinner will be hosted by our church on Thursday evening, January 28, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

Child Care during worship today: Heidi Danieley and Amy Rose. Next week: Karen Worst and Marie Acquilano.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Helene Ellis. Next Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Susan Rose.

O GOD, OUR LIGHT

O God, our light, whom shall we fear?
For you have saved and healed.
Your day has dawned in Jesus Christ,
Whose work your realm revealed.
O grant us strength to face all foes,
To break oppression's rod.
Increase our joy and confidence
In serving you, O God.

O God, the stronghold of our lives,
We will not be afraid
To follow in that unity
For which Christ Jesus prayed.
Tear down the barriers we erect
Between ourselves and you,
And draw us close to all you love
Through what we say and do.

O God, whose pardon we embrace,
Repenting all our sin,
Direct our lives in ways made new
By Christ's own reign within.
As Jesus preached and healed and taught,
We too would risk our all,
To right the world's inhuman woes
In answer to your call.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan. 24	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Mon.,	Jan. 25	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tues.,	Jan. 26	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
Wed.,	Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	Jan. 28	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:00 p.m.	Burlington Area Men's Fellowship
Fri.,	Jan. 29	7:30 p.m.	Talent Night All Church Invited Hosted by the YETS
		8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun.,	Jan. 31	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	ANNUAL MEETING
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 1993

Matthew 4:16

We have lived so long in a world that alternates between day and night that we take the daily cycle for granted. Astronauts know otherwise: they experience the reality that night is merely the shadow of the earth, and that light is always dawning and is ever with us. The light of God shines—it is only my eyes that are in shadow.

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
First Congregational Church
Rapid City, SD

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ON THE JOB

What does a church do when there is a shortage of ordained ministers?

If it's our partner, the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman, it launches the Institute for Theological and Leadership Development. The "institute without walls," ITLD takes lay leaders and prepares them for pastoral ministry in a four-year program that combines action and reflection.

Two days a month, participants gather at the United Church headquarters in Kingston for instruction in Bible, pastoral counseling, preaching, church leadership and administration. The rest of the time they learn on the job, with support from resource centers in each of the church's geographical districts.

As intended, the Institute for Theological and Leadership Development provides pastors for local Jamaican churches in need. But it does something else. ITLD also makes it possible for laypersons who would never attend seminary to answer God's call to ministry.

Take Ranford Hewitt, for instance. His formal education is too limited to qualify for seminary. Yet this born leader has more than enough enthusiasm, charisma, and infectious faith for ministry. Thanks to ITLD, Ranford could leave his position as assistant manager of a supermarket to take charge of three small congregations.

Asked if he misses the supermarket, Ranford shakes his head and breaks into a smile that says a thousand words about the joy he has found in fulltime Christian ministry.

Overseas partnerships with communions like the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman are made possible by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Elon College, North Carolina

BURLINGTON AREA CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 28, 1993
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Assemble in the Parrish House

Welcome - Gayland Welborn

Hymn

Invocation - Dr. William Andes

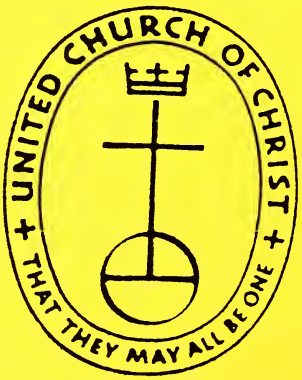
Dinner

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Mr. John Schmidt

Guest Speaker - Dr. Gordon Weekley

Business Session - Mr. Dean Rainey, President

Benediction - Dr. Emmitt Floyd



BURLINGTON AREA CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Leonard Simmons

VICE PRESIDENT
To be elected.

SECRETARY
Boyd Sutton

TREASURER
Dewey Rainey

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Gayland Welborn

VICE PRESIDENT
Ray Covington

TREASURER
Jim Griswald

lany thanks go to Dr. Earl Danieley for providing the eal tonight. Also, thanks to the Elon College omen's Fellowship for providing our desserts. We ould also like to acknowledge the work and efforts of r. Jim Scott. Jimmy has operated the sound system t Elon Community Church going on 30 years. Thank all f you for your time and energy.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim my God, how great thou art!


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Tara McKenna and Marie Acquilano, Acolytes today

Jan. 31, 1993 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 a.

Prelude "Andantins" César Franc

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Jesus, Be Present Now" Dave Per

Call to Worship
L. Be still before God, and wait patiently; delight in God, who fulfills the desires of your heart.
P. With what shall we come before God? Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?
L. Come, not in your wisdom, but in humility; come, not to boast, but to learn.
P. We come without power or pretension; we bring our weaknesses more than strength.
L. Consider your call, and commit your way to God; trust in God to grant you light and new life.
P. God's blessing pours out on the crowds; yet God's attention is focused on each one of us.

*Hymn # 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession
God of hills and valleys, of faithful ones and sinners, we bring our anger, our envy, our foolishness to your feet. We do not understand your ways, yet often we have not sought to understand. We do not believe that love works, that patience, meekness, and humility mark the way to fullness of life. So we have sought our own way of power and wisdom, wrath and warfare. They

have carried us to places where we do not wish to be. We turn to the folly of the cross, seeking the mystery of your grace. Will you forgive us once more? Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (#513)

Passing of the Peace (We share words of peace and reconcilation with one another.)
Leader: "The peace of Christ be with you"
People: "And also with you"

Anthem "God of Grace and God of Glory" David Johnson

Scripture Readings Psalm 37:1-11
Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer

Call to Offering

Offering

Offertory Pastorale on "Forest Green" Richard Purvis

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #214 "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs)

Sermon the Rev. Barry Raker

Hymn #409 "Jesus, Thou Divine Companion"

Benediction

Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You"
Jay Atthouse

Postlude Finale (First Symphony) Louis Vierne

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*The congregation may stand at these points.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Chester Huey by Mrs. Josie Huey and family.

There will be a brief meeting of the Board of Trustee immediately after this morning's worship service in the Adult Sunday School Classroom.

Circle #3 will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gladys Vickers.

Child Care during worship today: Karen Worst and Marie Acquilano. Next week: Sue Brown and Elizabeth Mayse.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Susan Rose.
Next Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Shirley Beyer.

Sweetheart Dinner



SPAGHETTI



time — Two seatings: 6:00 and 8:00

date — Friday February 12

place — Elon College Community Church Parish House

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call Church Office: 584-0391

by Tuesday Feb. 9

$14 per couple

Cost includes: **FREE**

BABYSITTING !

The Souper Bowl Needs *You!*



Later today tens of millions of people will enjoy the warmth of friendship and the satisfaction of food and drink while watching the Super Bowl Football Game on television. Unfortunately, at that same moment, countless other people will feel cold air against their flesh and hunger within their stomachs.

An effort has been born that seeks to transform the Super Bowl into a "Souper Bowl" for the needy. The "Souper Bowl" is a unique interdenominational effort to glorify God and care for "..the least of these brothers and sisters of mine." *Matthew 25:40*

Here's how it works: Please give one dollar as you leave Worship this morning. Youth from your church will collect the money in large soup caldrons and then send the contributions DIRECTLY to a soup kitchen or other helping ministry in your area. Churches across the nation are then asked to call Souper Bowl Headquarters with the results of their efforts so that totals can be promptly determined and released.

Here's some background: The effort began in a Columbia, SC church in 1990. That year, $5,700 was raised in Columbia. Last year, over three hundred South Carolina churches raised over $50,000.

Please join in partnership as we seek to "Love the Lord our God...and love our neighbors..." in this simple yet significant way.

(The above may be reproduced and used as bulletin insert on Souper Bowl Sunday.)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan. 31	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Board of Trustees
		12:00 noon	ANNUAL MEETING
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
Mon.,	Feb. 1	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
Tues.,	Feb. 2	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Wed.,	Feb. 3	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	Feb. 4	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
Fri.,	Feb. 5	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 1993

I Corinthians 1:26

We are not called to be wise, but to be foolish! We are not called to be strong but to be weak. We are not called to be high up in the affairs of the world but to be low down! What kind of call is this? Who wants it? Who can fulfill it? Nevertheless, God chose us, and called us, and we responded "Yes!" Are we now ready to quit because all was not what we, with romance-blinded eyes, expected the call to be?

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
First Congregational Church
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FAMILIES

Families in America today come in many forms. Some have two parents, and some have only one. Some families live together for economic and emotional support, and some live in isolation. Some children are the biological offspring of their parents; some are adopted; and some are foster children. The family may be of one race or multiracial. Both parents may be employed by choice or by necessity; one parent may be employed outside the home; or the parents may be unemployed, and trying desperately to find work while they depend upon unemployment benefits or welfare. Families may live in single or multi-family dwellings; or they may live on the streets. Some families are overweight, and some are chronically hungry. Some families care for grandparents, and some are cared for by grandparents.

These diverse families have many different needs. But they also share common needs. They need sufficient income to feed, clothe, and house themselves. They need medical coverage that provides for preventative care as well as treatment for illness. Few families, in any form, can meet all of their needs alone. Most families need a community that surrounds them with support and public policies that address their needs.

The United Church of Christ recognizes the diversity, as well as the unity, of families. We produce resources and support ministries that help strengthen families in America, whatever their form. With our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we show our commitment to families in America.

Faith A. Johnson
United Church Board
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Lydia Troxler and Sarah Hemphill, Acolytes today
Dr. Jeff Wilkins, Liturgist today

February 7, 1993 11:00 a.

PRELUDE "Adoration" Richard Purv

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "Great Art Thou" Alice Jorc

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus tells us that we cannot hide it!
P: "You are the light of the world."
L: Jesus claims that we are the seasoning!
P: "You are the salt of the earth."
L: In worship let us seek spiritual nurture,
P: That the impact of Christ's presence may
shine for all the world to see!
L: So be it!
P: Amen!

*HYMN OF ADORATION No
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DE

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: Great God of mercy, we come to you seeking
forgiveness and renewal. You sent to us the
Light of the World. We, in our unfaithfulne
have blocked his radiance. You sent to us t
Living Word. We, in our spiritual deafness,
have kept it from being heard. You sent to
the Bread of Life and the Cup of New Covenar

We, in our sinfulness, have refused to feed on that spiritual food. Forgive us and turn us around, O God. Guide us in Christ that we might minister in this world. Let your Light shine in us. Let your love live in our witness. In Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (No. 513)

Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "Song of Celebration" Allen Pote
Heidi Danieley, flautist; Senior Choir

OLD TESTAMENT AND EPISTLE LESSONS Psalm 112: 4 - 9
I Corinthians 2: 1 - 11

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem Prelude on "Hamburg" Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME "Boy Scout Sunday"

HYMN OF PREPARATION verses 1 & 2 No. 345
"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs)

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Hurst

Reflections

Presentations

Words from the Family . . . . Jim Hurst

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5: 13 - 16

SERMON "Erleichda" Pastor Arch Aitcheson

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 19
"Christ Is the World's True Light" O GOTT, DU FROMMER GO

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)
"Kingdom Song" Antiphon

*POSTLUDE "Fugue in C" Dietrich Buxtehud

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un.,	Feb. 7	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Reception for The Hursts
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Evangelism Board
Mon.,	Feb. 8	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Feb. 10	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	Feb. 11	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Fri.,	Feb. 12	6-8 p.m.	Valentine Spaghetti Dinner
Sun.,	Feb. 14	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Board of Christian Ed
		2:00 p.m.	All Youth
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 7, 1993

I Corinthians 2:10

Paul contrasts the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God. Human wisdom comes from experience of the world and deals with power and success and security. The wisdom of God can be learned only from God, through the Spirit which alone knows the depths of God and the depths of human hearts. The benefits of human wisdom do not last. Only the wisdom of God lasts to eternal life. Listen, then to the spirit, and "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...." (Matthew 6:19-20)

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
First Congregational Church
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UCC WOMEN'S WEEK

United Church of Christ Women's Week, which begins today, is inseparable from the Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society, the national instrumentality established to address the concerns of women within our communion.

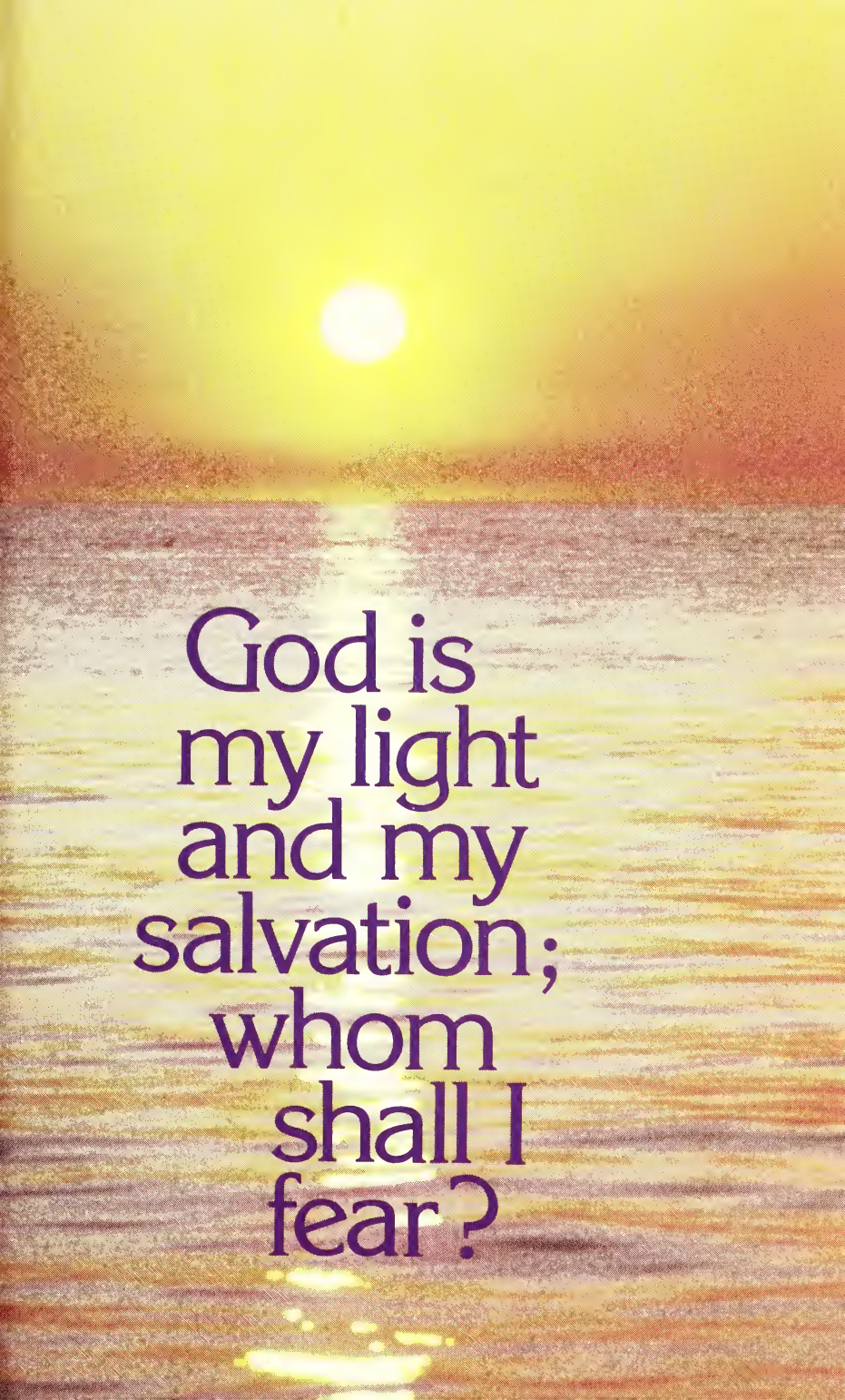
UCC Women's Week is the occasion not only for celebrating the gifts, but also acknowledging the concerns women bring to the church:

* Equality and partnership for women in every aspect of our life as a people of faith
* The elimination of attitudes and practices that oppress women in church and society
* Expanded communication among women in the church
* Developing programs and resources that meet the needs of all women in the church
* Increasing employment and volunteer leadership opportunities for women in all levels of the church
* Addressing public policy issues affecting women
* Full representation for women in ecumenical gatherings in the United States and overseas
* Support for the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women

We in the United Church of Christ look to the Coordinating Center for Women for leadership in the concerted effort to address these concerns, not only during the coming week, but in the coming months and years.

Through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we in the United Church of Christ underscore our commitment to women in the church and to their concerns.

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God is
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

James Truman Underhill
January 31, 1914 to February 10, 1993

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

February 13, 1993 Eleven o'clock

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QUIET MEDITATION:
"Your Friend is your needs answered. He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving. . . . And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit." Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet

PRELUDES Mr. David Loy, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: The God of Creation surrounds us with love,
P: AND INVITES US TO THIS SERVICE OF PRAISE AND REMEMBRANCE.
L: In Jesus Christ we discover everlasting life,
P: AS WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF OUR FRIEND IN FAITH, JIM UNDERHILL.
L: Gather in one spirit, then, as we worship God and seek God's help in our sorrow.

*HYMN OF ADORATION verses 1 - 3 No. 8
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses...)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 23
Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 12

HYMN OF FAITH — No. 317
"I Love To Tell the Story" — HANKEY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

St. Matthew 7: 12
I Corinthians 13

UNISON READING — No. 130
Selections from Romans 8 — (back of the hymnal)

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
A Pastor's Reflections — Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus
A Story of Friendship and Love — Rev. Arch Aitcheson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMENDATION AND THE SONG OF SIMEON

HYMN OF FAITH VERSES 1 - 3 — No. 1
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" — ST. ANNE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

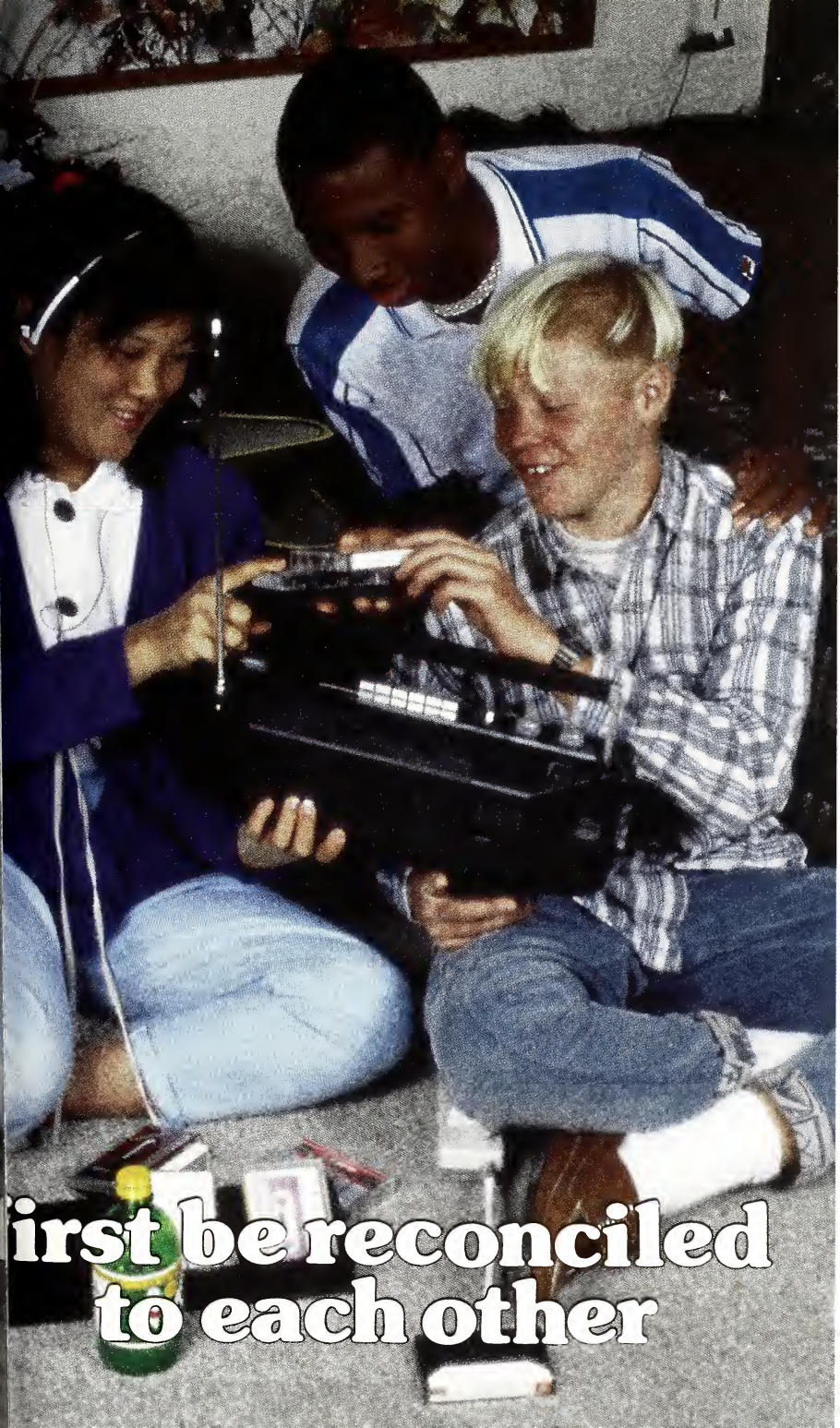
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The Graveside Service will be held at Magnolia Cemetary.

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Brian Rose, Liturgist today

February 14, 1993 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE "Prelude, Fugue, and Variation" César Franc

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple" George Roo

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather in worship seeking God's Love;
People: Let all people come together in one spirit.
Leader: Gather in worship seeking Christ's truth;
People: Let all races, ages and believers unite!
Leader: Gather in worship ready for the Holy Spirit.
People: Let all people praise God in one voice!

*HYMN OF ADORATION No.
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

Pastor: For all the times we have been blinded by our fears,
People: God, have mercy upon us.
Pastor: For the prejudices that have separated your children.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Pastor: For the times when we made skin color a barrier,
People: God, have mercy upon us.
Pastor: For the times when we have excluded others,

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Pastor: For the times we have put ourselves above others,
People: God, have mercy upon us.
ALL: God, forgive us the prejudices that came from our fears. Open us in love to all persons for the sake of Jesus, who broke down barriers that kept us from your love! Amen.

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (No. 513)
*Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)
L. The peace of Christ be with you.
P. And also with you!

ANTHEM Festival Piece on "Saint Anne" Eugene Butler
(The congregation will join the choir on stanza six on p. 1 on cue.)

OLD TESTAMENT AND EPISTLE LESSONS Psalm 119: 1 - 8
I Corinthians 3: 1 - 9

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" Garth Edmundson
*Doxology and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME "NEW CRAYONS" Rev. Arch Aitcheson

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 252
"O Word of God Incarnate" Munich

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5: 17 - 26

SERMON "First Things First" Rev. Arch Aitcheson, Pastor

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 414
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be With You" David Lantz III

POSTLUDE "Piece Héroïque" César Franck

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Alexander.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Child Care during worship today: Marie Wilkins and Jamie Brown. Next week: Kim Perry and Emily Woody.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Jackie Matlock. Next week: Shannon Albertson and Mona Covington.

The flowers in the narthex are given in loving memory of Mr. James Underhill whose funeral service was held here yesterday.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

un., Feb. 14	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Board of Christian Ed
	2:00 p.m.	All Youth
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
on., Feb. 15	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
ed., Feb. 17	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	7:00 p.m.	All Boards and Committee Chairs
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
hurs., Feb. 18	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
ri., Feb. 18	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
un., Feb. 21	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 14, 1993

Matthew 5:24

Christians have a special interest in Valentine's Day! We know the day is rooted in ancient Celtic fertility rites, but we also know that we are called to a covenant of love with God and one another. Romantic love is included, but without the fuller love of which Paul sings (I Cor. 13), it is a "noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." Love to God, to one's spouse, to a child, to a neighbor, begins with the essential step: "first be reconciled to each other."

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
First Congregational Church
Rapid City, SD

RACE RELATIONS

Almost a year ago, south-central Los Angeles erupted in violence after the first Rodney King trial. In the wake of the verdict and the protests, the fires and looting, Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree, conference minister of our Southern California Conference, said: "Perhaps now the white community can understand just how deep racism runs in our society. Perhaps now our whole nation will face the fundamental issue of justice."

Perhaps.

On this Race Relations Sunday, it is appropriate to ask ourselves what we have done as Christians, in our own churches and communities, to improve the conditions that contribute to racial prejudice and injustice.

Have we examined prayerfully, in light of our faith, our own attitudes and assumptions about race?

Have we identified the attitudes, institutions, and structures within our communities, including our own churches, that racially discriminate? Have we worked to transform them?

Have we sought to develop ongoing opportunities for the mutual sharing of diverse histories, experiences, cultures and spiritual gifts?

Have we participated actively in the political process on behalf of public policies which result in greater justice, equality, and unity?

Have we established a local church Christian education emphasis on racism and cultural diversity for persons of all age groups? Have we created groups within our churches to challenge racism in both church and society?

These are some of the challenges to congregations in the Pastoral Letter on Contemporary Racism and the Role of the Church, published in January, 1991, which is available from the Commission for Racial Justice.


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February 21, 1993 11:00

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Raymond He
Senior Handbell Choir

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "Now God Be Praised" Melchior Vu

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: We are eyewitnesses of Christ's glory!
P: THE VOICE FROM THE HEAVENS DECLARED:
L: "This is the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased
P: THIS IS THE CHRIST WHO CALLS US TO MINISTRY!
L: This is the Savior who calls us to worship!
P: LET US PRAISE GOD AS WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE!

*HYMN OF ADORATION N
"O How Glorious, Full of Wonder" IN BAB

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
God of the Ages, we seek your mercy and love. We are an unfaithful generation. We have heard your call to service. Our intentions are good. But we fail to be your servants in Christ. We put others and things before our spiritual call. Guide us back to your Way. In Christ forgive us and renew us. Help us to be agents of your reconciliation and justice. Move us by your Holy Spirit. In Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (No. 513)
*Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"
Senior Choir and Handbell Choir Jody W. Lindh

OLD TESTAMENT AND EPISTLE LESSON Exodus 24: 12 - 18
2 Peter 1: 16 - 18

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem "Hyfrydol" arr. Timothy Shepard
*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME "Here I AM! Send Me!" Arch Aitcheson
An Echo Pantomime

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 234
"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17: 1 - 9

SERMON "Help Wanted! Close Encounters of the Best Kind!"
Arch Aitcheson

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

HYMN OF FAITH No. 218
"O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Amazing Gra

The love of God, with peace and joy,
will each of us attend,
and guide our ways through coming days,
until we meet again.

*POSTLUDE "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Dietrich Buxtehu

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by George and Clara Noah and in appreciation for the many kindnesses shown during George's illness.

Child Care during worship today: Kim Perry and Emily Woody. Next week: Karen Worst and Lydia Troxler.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Mon.,	Feb. 22	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
Tues.,	Feb. 23	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
Wed.,	Feb. 24	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	Feb. 25	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee
Fri.,	Feb. 26	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun.,	Feb. 28	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		1:30 p.m.	YETS & Middle Highs
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 21, 1993

Matthew 17:8

The transfiguration story is filled with symbolism that was deeply significant to early Christians. For us the story seems strange, for we read the symbols literally, and miss the deeper meanings. Look for those meanings! The story tells us, for instance, that when the excitement of seeing Moses and Elijah has gone, and the glory of a spiritual experience has faded, Jesus remains with us, to walk with us down to the valleys of life, where mundane problems intrude and God seems far away.

Rev. Henry H. Bradshaw
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CHURCH VOCATION SUNDAY

Church Vocation Sunday is a fitting occasion to reclaim some secularized language and bring it back to the church where it belongs. "Vocation," for example, isn't just another word for occupation. It doesn't apply to just any job.

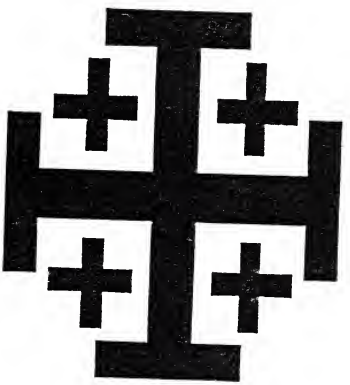
A vocation is a divine summons to religious work. It is synonymous with "calling," another word in danger of being secularized. On Church Vocation Sunday we honor those who have answered the divine summons to ministry.

But being precise in our use of "vocation" does not mean we have to be narrow in our definition of "ministry." That term embraces other callings beside that of parish pastor. In our larger churches, there are ministers of Christian education, administration and development, and music, to mention only a few. In our colleges and universities, health care institutions, residential treatment facilities, and retirement homes, as well as in the armed services, there are chaplains. Some Christians answer the call to ministry in the slums and barrios, in shelters and hospices, in camps and conference centers. And some are commissioned to overseas vocations in agricultural development, physical therapy, literacy training, refugee resettlement, and many other fields.

We refer to those latter endeavors as "mission," another word that has been appropriated to secular pursuits. Businesses and armies speak of their mission. But we Christians understand the word to mean a ministry of witness and service in Jesus' name.

Thus, Christian vocation is the divine call to mission, and on this Sunday in particular we honor all those who respond to that summons.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Wednesday, February 24, 1993
7:30 pm

ELON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GREETING

Leader
Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross.

SENTENCES

Leader
Jesus came to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate those who were oppressed, and to proclaim the year of God's favor.

HYMN OF ADORATION No. 22
"We Praise Thee, O God"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joel 2: 12 - 18
2 Corinthians 5: 20 - 6: 2
Matthew 6: 1 - 6, 16 - 18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader
As disciples of Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, study, and works of love help us to return to that love. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to love God and to love neighbor by confessing your sin and by asking God for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.
Let us pray.

OPLE
ost Holy and Merciful God: We confess to you and to one
nother, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and
earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought,
ord, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have
t undone.

ADER
e have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and
rength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
e have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

EOPLE
ave mercy on us, O God.

EADER
/e have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.
/e have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved
our Holy Spirit.

EOPLE
ave mercy on us, O God.

EADER
Ve confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness.
he pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

EOPLE
Ve confess to you, O God.

EADER
Our self-indulgent appetities and our exploitation of other
eople, our anger at our own frustration and our envy of
hose more fortunate than ourselves,

EOPLE
Ve confess to you, O God.

LEADER
Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and o
dishonesty in our daily life and work,
Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to
commend the faith that is in us,

PEOPLE
We confess to you, O God.

LEADER
Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have do
For our neglect of human need and suffering and our
indifference to injustice and cruelty,

PEOPLE
Accept our repentance, O God.

LEADER
For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward
our neighbors, and for our prejudices and contempt toward
those who differ from us,
For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack
of concern for those who come after us,

PEOPLE
Accept our repentance, O God.

LEADER
Restore us, O God; let your anger
and our shame depart from us.

PEOPLE
Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great! Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY MEDITATION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES
(Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!)

LEADER
Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

PEOPLE
That we may show forth your glory.

LEADER
By the cross and passion of our Savior,

PEOPLE
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER
Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore God to grant us true repentance and the gift of the Holy Spirit that those things which we do this day may be pleasing to God, that the rest of our lives may be lived faithfully, and that at the last we may come to God's eternal joy; through Jesus the Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

HYMN **No. 232**
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: The Peace of Christ be with you.
PEOPLE: And also with you!

COMMISSIONING

LEADER
Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mar of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of our rebirth.
May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do is in the name of Jesus,
for in his cross you proclaim your love for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

BENEDICTION ***Ubi Caritas***
Ubi Caritas et Amor,
Ubi Caritas,
Deus ibi est!

Translation:
Where there is charity and love
There is God!

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders:
Mrs. Betty Walker
Organist and Music Director
Reverend Richard W. McBride
Chaplain, Elon College
Ms. Cathy Rusin
Catholic Campus Ministry
Reverend Archie B. Aitcheson
Pastor, Elon College Community Church
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Chris Harris and Scott Williamson, Acolytes today
Shirley Beyer, Liturgist today

February 28, 1993 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Pastorale" César Franc

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "Lord Thy Mercy Now Entreating" Ringe Rech

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, you call us into wilderness
P: And to promised lands!
L: You guard over us when we are faithful
P: And seek us out when we are not!
L: You call us to follow Jesus Christ
P: And lead us when we falter.
L: Come to us, now, O God,
P: As we lift up our voices in thanks and praise!

*HYMN OF ADORATION No. 2C
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above!" MIT FREUDEN ZART

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: God, when we are tempted, we often give in. When we are offered wealth that is unearned, we take it. When power is presented to us, we grab it. We put pleasure over faithfulness. We seek security over integrity. We pretend we are in charge! In the name of Jesus Christ, we plead for forgiveness. We seek spiritual cleansing and the renewal of our covenant with you. Restore us and direct us according to your holy will. Amen.

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (No. 513)
*Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "Little Lamb" Ruth Artman
Children's Choir

THE PSALTER LESSON Psalm 130

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(trespasses)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem "Spirit of God" John Carter
Senior Choir
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME "One Great Hour of Sharing"
Susan Barbee

*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 153
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4: 1 - 11

SERMON "My Soul Waits for the Lord!" Rev. A. B. Aitcheson
part I, in a series of six

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 374
"In The Hour of Trail" PENITENCE

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

CHORAL " An Irish Blessing" Helen Stover

POSTLUDE "Allegro from Fifth Concerto" G. F. Haendel

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell in loving memory of her three sisters, Mary Powell Brantley, Claire Powell Lee and Josephine Powell Newell.

Phyllis and Fred Young invite members and visitors to a reception today honoring the Aitchesons. (4 - 6 p.m. at 2423 Pineway Drive, Burlington, N.C.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Child Care during worship today: Karen Worst and Lydia Troxler.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Kim Perry.
Next Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Ethel Oakley.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb. 28	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		1:30 p.m.	Middle Highs
		2:30 p.m.	YETS
		4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Reception for Aitchesons
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Mon.,	Mar. 1	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tues.,	Mar. 2	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
Wed.,	Mar. 3	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
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Thurs.,	Mar. 4	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
Fri.,	Mar. 5	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sat.,	Mar. 6	9:00 a.m.	Lay Visitor Training Holland House
Sun.,	Mar. 7	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 1993

Psalm 130:1

"I cry" because I hope. The movie, The Silence of the Lambs, draws its title from Isaiah 53:7, which tells of hopeless lambs led silently to their slaughter. In the 130th Psalm, the Jewish people were not silent, but cried out to the only one who could give relief from the troubles of life, and redress for injustice. Their cry came from hope. They knew that God would hear their cry and respond. We too have hope and should not be silent, for we too are children of God, who is a Parent who cares and listens.

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AUSTERITY AND SERVICE IN JAMAICA

For debtor nations like Jamaica, even paying the interest on their international loans requires austerity on the part of government. Public programs for human relief and welfare are cut back. Accordingly, the poorest of the Caribbean island's people suffer the most.

Instead of wringing their hands over the situation, many Jamaican Christians roll up their sleeves. Our partner, the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman, for example, is doing more than its share to help those most in need.

When the government could not finance preschool education, Rev. Madge Saunders, the first woman ordained in the United Church, inspired local churches to start their own "basic schools" for four-to-six-year-olds. No child is turned away for lack of the means to pay tuition.

In response to reductions in public health funds, local churches have started their own comprehensive out-patient clinics, staffed by trained nurses and volunteer doctors, dentists, and pharmacists.

To compensate for inadequate government job-training programs, local churches sponsor classes in sewing, office procedures, and even auto mechanics.

In Jamaica, the local United Church is more than an occasional house of worship: it is a constant source of health care and education.

Our partnership with the dynamic United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman not only opens us to an inspiring example of mission in a developing country, but it may also open some of our eyes to the human costs of international indebtedness.

Overseas church partnerships are made possible through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



WE WAIT

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Jeff Wilkins and Matthew Woody, Acolytes today
Dr. John Hemphill, Liturgist today

March 7, 1993 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" J. S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "Out of the Depths" Johann Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: God so loved the world . . .
P: THAT GOD SENT JESUS TO US . . .
L: Not to condemn us . . .
P: BUT TO BRING US SALVATION!
L: In that truth we find a fresh start!
P: IN THAT WORD WE FIND OUR REASON FOR WORSHIP!
L: God so loved the world . . .
P: LET US CELEBRATE THAT GOOD NEWS!

*HYMN OF ADORATION No. 223
"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: We find ourselves in the wilderness, too, God. Our wilderness experience is defined not by land or boundary. We face a spiritual wilderness! We feel guilty and most inadequate. Our faith is a shallow exercise. Spiritually we feel empty and hopeless. We treat others unkindly, and we turn our backs on our neighbors. We need guidance, O God, out of the barren

wilderness we choose into the lifegiving realm of your forgiveness and love. We need your help! Show us grace and mercy in the name of Jesus, who knows our wilderness journey. Amen.

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (No. 513)
*Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" W. A. Mozart

OLD TESTAMENT AND EPISTLE LESSONS Psalm 33: 18 - 22
Romans 3: 28 - 31

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses . . .)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory "Prelude on "Herzliebster Jesu"
Gordon Young
*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 240
"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" ST. AGNUS

GOSPEL LESSON John 3: 1 - 17

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Spiritual Rebirth" Arch Aitcheson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Breaking Bread and Sharing the Cup
(You are invited to come to the altar to receive the communion feast. Take the bread and then dip it in the cup. Ushers will guide the congregation.

A communion team will also be available to bring the sacrament to those who are unable to come forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN OF FAITH Verses 1, 4 & 5 No. 2
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" MORECAM

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

Ubi Caritas et Amor (Where there is charity and love.

Ubi Caritas (Where there is charity)
Deus ibi est! (There is God!)

POSTLUDE "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Thee"
J. S. Ba

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	March 7	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	All Youth in Sanctuary
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
Mon.,	March 8	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Teens on the Move
		7:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Tues.,	March 9	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
Wed.,	March 10	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs:	March 11	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Fri.,	March 12	6:30 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun.,	March 14	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Board of Christian Ed
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 1993

Psalm 33:20

We wait. We wait for a special sign, for the right moment. When will it come? Has it come, and have we missed it? Will it come again? In our waiting we may become too introspective, so concerned with the rightness of the moment that we miss the opportunity, or even miss meeting the Messiah face-to-face in the faces of those who need us. We wait for challenges and opportunities to proclaim and to live out the gospel. As we wait, let us seek wisdom and courage to step forth in the light of God's love.

Rev. George A. Ault
The Church of the Red Rocks
Sedona, AZ

BRIDGES

Lawrence and Carol Gilley, United Church Board for World Ministries missionaries in Mozambique, build bridges. Not to span rivers but to link people. One of their goals with the Congregational churches in Mozambique is to help them become more active participants in the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA). That involves attending denominational meetings where, in the past, they have been under-represented.

The reasons why Mozambican Christians haven't participated more are quite clear. Traveling to South Africa or Zimbabwe is not only time-consuming and expensive, but it can be disrupted by the guerilla war in Mozambique.

For years, Rev. A.T. Litsuri, secretary of the Inhambane Mozambique Region of the UCCSA, was almost the only person to represent the church at these meetings. But the Gilleys have been urging wider Mozambican participation, and now their efforts have begun to pay off.

Last February, for example, Carol accompanied three Mozambican women to Johannesburg for the annual meeting of the UCCSA's Women's Work Committee. "Our presence—a first—created quite a stir," she reports. Carol's role, in part, was to deal with language differences, which turned out to be less of a problem than expected. Two of her companions spoke Zulu, and so they could communicate easily with the delegates from Natal in South Africa.

"It took a ten-day trip to attend a three-day meeting," Carol says, "but hopefully we will now continue to participate year after year."

We support human bridge-building in Southern Africa with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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March 14, 1993 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
Gordon Young

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "God Himself Is With Us" Arnsberg

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Come to the well and receive Living Water!
P: COME TO PRAISE AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD!
L: O Come, let us worship and bow down;
P: FOR WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
L: Let us kneel before God Our Creator . . . .
P: O COME, LET US SING JOYFULLY TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION!

*HYMN OF ADORATION No. 251
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICEA

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
Jesus, you know me and the innermost secrets of my heart. You invite me to drink of the Living water; I choose to drink the cup of emptiness and faithlessness. You invite me to eat the Loving bread; I choose to hold grudges. You call me to be living witness to love; I choose to nurture anger and hatred. Forgive my sinfulness! Heal my brokeness! Feed my hungry

soul! Help me to choose from the Lenten wilderness, the Good News of Easter. For I ask it in your holy name. Amen.

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ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" John Stainer

OLD TESTAMENT AND EPISTLE LESSONS Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1 - 11

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(trespasses)

MOMENT FOR OUTREACH John Ketcham
"Second Chance"

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
arr. Hal Hopson
*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME Arch Aitcheson
"Um. . . Um. . . The Gal at the Well!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 317
"I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

GOSPEL LESSON John 4: 5 - 30

SERMON "This is Spiritual Challenge!" Arch Aitcheson

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 362
"Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve!" CHRISTMAS

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

CHORAL RESPONSE "As the Father Loves Me, So Have I Loved You" Ralph C. Schult

POSTLUDE Postlude on "A Paschal Chorale" Garth Edmundso

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WANTED!
ALIVE!
An Adult Person
to assist
Ellie Ketcham
in
maintaining current
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on the
Church Road Sign!
Rewards:
Use of Talents
Watching the Church Grow!
Friendship
A "magnetic" personality!

Speak to Ellie or Arch TODAY!

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		4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
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		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 1993

Psalm 95:6

When do we kneel? We kneel to tie a young child's shoelace, to scrub floors, to plant seeds, to receive a blessing, to offer a prayer. There are times we must refuse to kneel: before the gods of abuse, control, violence and hatred. Lent is a moment shared with us when we are invited to kneel: beside the God who knows suffering, who transforms suffering into new life, who strengthens our suffering into ministries of compassion and care.

Rev. Nancy Nelson Elsenheimer
Michigan Conference
United Church of Christ

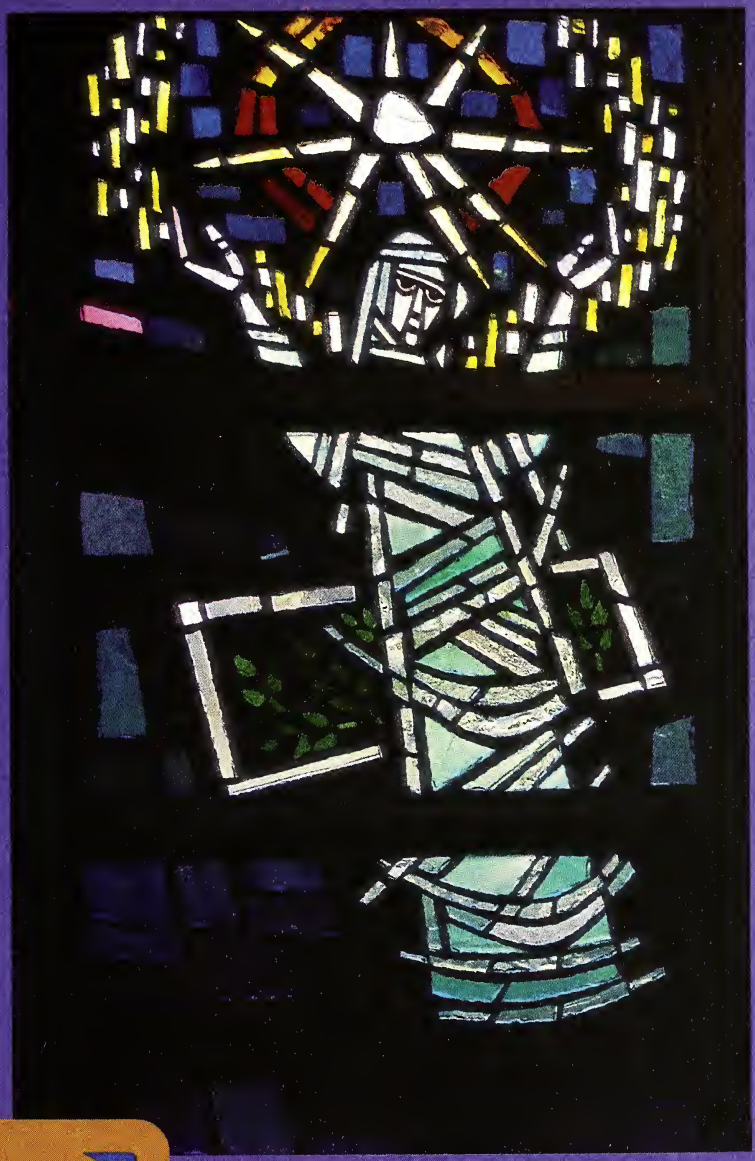
BUILDING BLOCKS

It began as a doctoral project on urban ministry. But it soon developed into something more when Rev. Timothy Johnson, pastor of Cherokee Park United Church, on the west side of St. Paul, Minnesota, involved the congregation's outreach committee in studying the surrounding community and its needs. That research took them to the neighborhood Roosevelt Elementary School. Low-income children, especially from newly-arrived immigrant families, were falling behind in class. What could a local church do to prevent them from eventually dropping out of school? The outreach committee decided to attack the problem early by providing one-on-one tutoring for vulnerable second and third graders. And so the Building Blocks Tutorial Program was born.

Even with skilled volunteers to help the children, such programs cost money to get started. Our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries provided the seed grant that got the tutoring program off the ground in 1988. Ever since, fifteen second and third graders are tutored by fifteen trained adults for two hours, twice a week after school.

Now, five years later, what is the program's report card? Over eighty percent of the children who enroll complete the two years. Test results reveal their academic progress, and their teachers confirm it. Perhaps more important, the children demonstrate an increased sense of self-esteem and self-worth. Over forty children want to join the program next year!

The Building Blocks Tutorial Program is an inspiring example of local church mission. But it also illustrates how gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission help enable local church mission.



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March 21, 1993 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude on "Were You There?" Gordon Young

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "God Himself Is With Us" Arnsberg

CALL TO WORSHIP
L. Along the road to Calvary . . .
P. Jesus sees us in our spiritual blindness.
L. Along the road to Easter . . .
P. Jesus offers us spiritual sight.
L: Along the road to Eternity . . .
P: We can see God's love and Light!
L: Along the road . . .
P: We can offer praise and thanksgiving!

*HYMN OF ADORATION No. 391
"Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
God, it is difficult to believe in miracles.
We prefer not to see what Christ can do.
God, we are not sure we want to be healed.
We are afraid of the changes of heart and mind.
God, we are glad that you are in charge, but . . .
We are not sure we want to give up control!
God, we have been blind from our birth!
Help us to see!

God, we have been a sinful people!
Forgive us that we might see your grace!
In Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (No. 513)

*Passing of the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "Sweet Mercy" arr. B. Dardess
Dana Passwaters, soloist
Senior Choir

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 23

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. James D. Kimball
*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME "Love Before Me"

*HYMN OF PREPARATION
"Love Before Me"

1. Love before me, love behind me,
love under my feet . . .
Love within me, love above me,
Let all around me be love!
2. Spirit before me . . .
3. Peace before me . . .

GOSPEL LESSON John 9

SERMON "Spiritual Awareness!" Arch Aitcheson

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH verses 1, 3 & 4 No. 36
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Fill the World With Love"
Junior and Senior Choirs Bill Danof

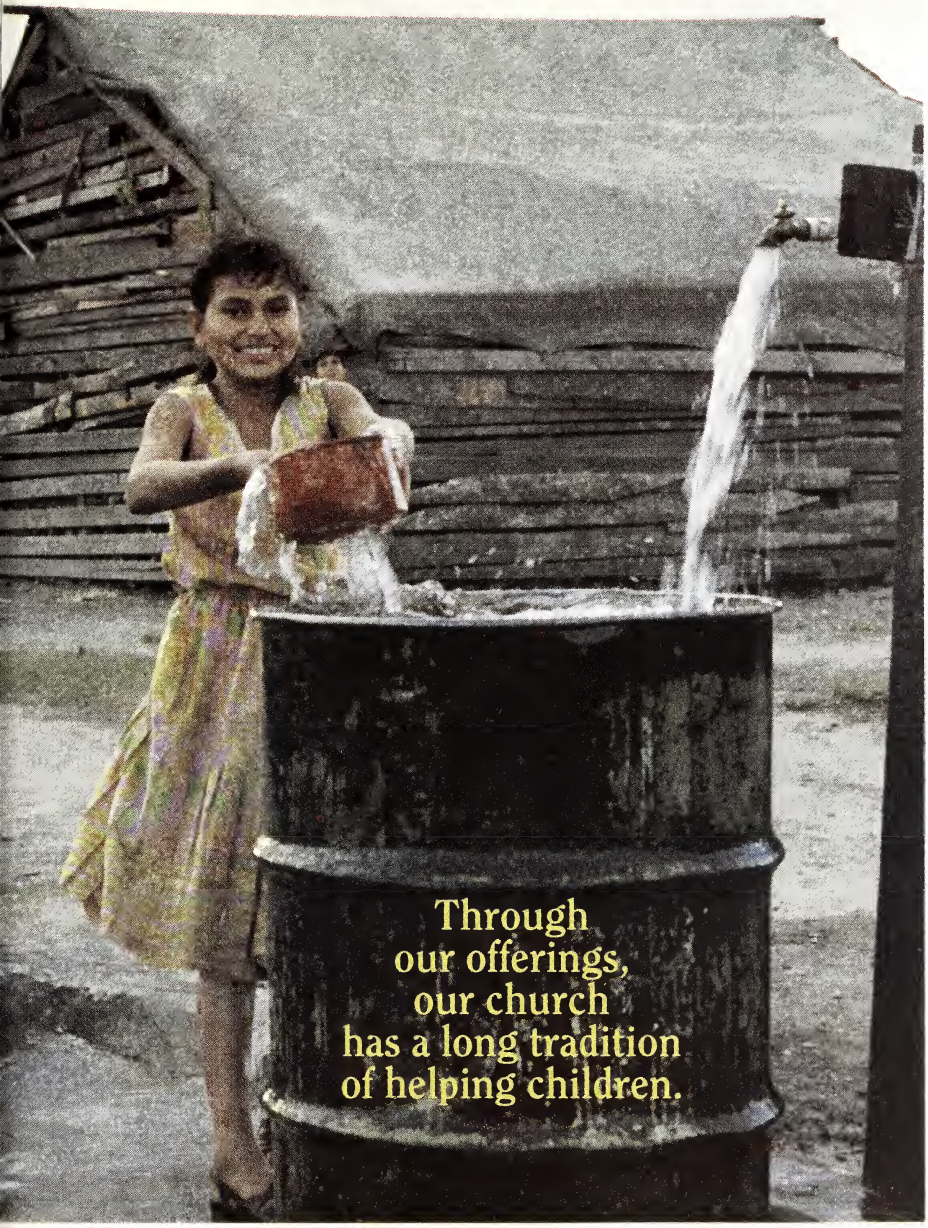
POSTLUDE Finale on "Italian Hymn"
Van Denman Thompso

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One Great Hour of Sharing



How we help children



We provide nutritious food in emergencies.

We support nutrition education as an important next step.

We commit our funds to meet the long-term needs of children.



Health
Every year, 15 million children die before they're five years old, many from diseases we know how to prevent: measles, whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria, polio. $5.00 worth of vaccine can protect a child for life.

Safe Drinking Water
Dysentery caused by contaminated drinking water is the biggest health threat to the young. Clean water, available to each household, prevents disease and saves lives.



Education
The ability to earn a living in small communities and village can prevent the migration of young people to overcrowded cities. We provide funds for many kinds of education, including literacy classes and vocational training.

Rights of Children
The world's streets and slums are crowded with children struggling to survive. We provide for the basic needs of these children, and we work for their human rights.



Refugees
More than half the world's refugees are children. We provide food, temporary shelter, medical care, and education to assist these children until they can go home again.

Jesus said: "Whoever welcomes one such child welcome me." (Matthew 18:5 NRSV)



When you give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in your church, you welcome children in Jesus' name.

Please give generously.

United Church of Christ

Recycled paper

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Thurs.,	March 25	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
Fri.,	March 26	7:00 p.m.	All Youth Dance
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 1993

Psalm 23:4

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Today's scriptural theme comes from the most familiar psalm in the Bible, the twenty-third. Generations of church school children committed the whole hymn to memory. And many of them can still recite it fifty years later!

The Lord makes us "lie down in green pastures," and leads us "beside still waters." What comfort! What reassurance!

But on this Sunday, our imaginations cannot linger on pastoral images. One Great Hour of Sharing compels us to acknowledge that many members of our human family have neither green pastures nor still waters for comfort.

For millions of our brothers and sisters, there is no reassurance, either. They cannot say "I fear no evil" when they walk through the dark valley of famine and drought, hurricane and tidal wave, insurrection and war.

They cry out for help.

Who will prepare a table before them if not us? Who will fill their cups to overflowing if not us?

And when, if not now, in this One Great Hour of Sharing?

Those words, One Great Hour of Sharing, were coined fifty-four years ago. Today, many people do not know what they mean.

"One great hour" refers to the hour of worship on Sunday morning when, from coast to coast, Christians of many denominations "share" in an offering for world relief and development.

In 1949, when the offering was first received, no one in church asked where their gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing would go. They knew. The President and other elected officials, as well as radio and newspapers, referred frequently to victims of the recent world war.

We don't hear as much about overseas need anymore. Our elected leaders believe that many Americans are tired of helping the world. And the news media focus on domestic developments.

Today, many in church ask where their gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will go. They don't know. The offering no longer has a single focus, because no single cause, like the Second World War, seems responsible for human suffering. And needs vary from place to place. In Southern Asia, the need may be vaccinations. In Africa, it may be uncontaminated drinking water. In Latin America, it may be farming tools. In the Middle East, it may be refugee resettlement.

Still, the world cries out for help. And the "one great hour" is here. It is time once again to be generous in our "sharing" with those who suffer. It is up to every one of us to help assure that the world shall not want.



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March 28, 1993 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head" Adapted G. Winston Cassle

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "Behold the Great Redeemer Die" George Careles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that God has made!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: This is the hour of praise and thanksgiving;
People: Let us celebrate the day in faithfulness!
Leader: This is a new day founded in Jesus Christ;
People: Let us seek the presence of the Holy Spirit as we pray and sing hymns of praise.

*HYMN OF ADORATION No. 295
"Christ for the World We Sing!" ITALIAN HYMN

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Bring us out of the tombs of sin and death, O God! Raise us up from the dark places where we have hidden. Show us the light of mercy. Erase the guilt and fear that we have chosen above the life Christ offers. Move us from the trap of selfish desire to the freedom of truth and grace. Make of us new creations! For we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ANTHEM " O Come and Mourn" Loonis McGlohon
Senior Choir

HEBREW SCRIPTURE AND THE EPISTLE LESSON
Ezekiel 37: 1 - 6 Romans 8: 6 - 11

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses)

MISSION MOMENT "Allied Churches" Mary Ruth

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem: "Into the Woods My Master Went"
Junior Handbells Frances Callahan

*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN OF PREPARATION verses 1 & 2 No. 272
"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS
(Younger Children who want to participate in Children's Church are asked to leave at the beginning of verse 2)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (Please follow the service on the insert in the bulletin.)

Arch Aitcheson	William Rippy
Liz Aitcheson	Helen Rippy
Joy Aitcheson	Bill Ruth
Barbara Guerin	Mary Ruth
Richard Rinker	David Ruth
Jane Rinker	Pearl McLelland

*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP verses 3 & 4 No. 272
"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

GOSPEL LESSON John 11: 17 - 44

SERMON "Spiritual Living" Arch Aitcheson, pastor

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 383
"Forward Through the Ages" ST. GERTRUDE

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)
(NO RESPONSE THIS WEEK!

POSTLUDE "Wondrous Love" Arr. Gordon Young

A Coffee Hour Fellowship will be held immediately following worship in the Parish House to welcome our new members! Please do join them there and extend the right hand of fellowship to each one.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gladys S. Ketcham, John C. Ketcham, Sr. and Harold H. Helm by Ellie and John Ketcham.

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SERVICE FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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Introduction of the New Member's Class

The Confession of Faith:

PASTOR: Dearly beloved, do you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and make him your example? Do you take for your rule of life the words of the Gospel: *You shall love God, your Creator, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself*?

RESPONSE: I do, with God as my helper!

PASTOR: Do you hold to the beliefs of the United Church of Christ and to the covenant of this church? Do you strive to witness to that faith in this fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ?

RESPONSE: I do, with God as my witness!

PASTOR: Let us all affirm our faith in God the three in one as we say in one voice the Statement of Faith that unites us in Christ!

UNISON: The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

(next page)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.[43]

PASTOR: I ask you now, in the presence of God and in the presence of this body of Christ, do you offer yourself to God's service without reservation? Do you seek to be a faithful and active member of this church? Ever mindful of the welfare of all members, do you promise to walk with them in faithfulness and Christian love? Do you covenant with God and this church to attend its services, to observe its sacraments, to share in its work, its support and its mission, as together we strive to make this a living body of Christ?

RESPONSE: I do, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

DEACON: I ask the congregation to please stand if possible to welcome our brothers and sisters into the fellowship of this church! Please join me in our words of welcome.

CONGREGATION: We, your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, gladly welcome you into this family of Christ at the Elon College Community Church. We invite you to share with us the hopes, the labors, the dreams and the joys of our ministry together. We promise to walk with you in Christian Love and Sympathy and to propmote, as far as in us lies, growth in the Spirit and life of Jesus Christ our Savior. May God keep us united in mission and faithful in the Spirit as we work for the realm of God which is everlasting.

Pastor and the Deacon extend the right hand of Christ's fellowship.

Presentation of Certificates and Scripture Verses

Introduction of Friendship Sponsors

Prayer of Blessing:

PASTOR: In joy and peace, we become one in Spirit an in mission. Help us to support one another and to learn from each other as we are led by Christ in service and faithfulness. In the name of God, the Creator, Christ the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are called to seek out a form of life together in which the pattern of the distinctively Christian affections is possible

ALLIED CHURCHES OF ALAMANCE COUNTY, INC

1992 Operating Fund

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

Churches	$57,998.13
Individuals	30,524.39
Groups	10,010.92
Businesses	4,348.80
Cash Box	234.37
Government Grants	34,915.00
Private Grants	13,325.00
Rent	5,800.00
CROP	5,032.96
Other	2,026.88
TOTAL	$164,216.45

WHERE DID IT GO?

Good Shepherd Community Kitchen	$52,162.19
Emergency Night Shelter	44,970.08
Christian Assistance Network	43,333.38
Miscellaneous Programs	20,560.61
Income over Expenses	3,730.19
TOTAL	$164,216.45

WHAT DID IT DO?

FOR THE HUNGRY: Prepared and served over 21,000 hot, nutritious noon meals at a cost of $2.48 each.

FOR THE HOMELESS: Sheltered, suppered, and breakfasted 564 different persons (average age is under 35); 29 were children, 141 were females.

FOR THE DISCOURAGED: Helped many with emergency financial needs; assisted some with spiritual feeding; referred hundreds to appropriate services.

FOR YOU: Provided an opportunity to practice "in as much as you have done it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

ALLIED CHURCHES OF ALAMANCE COUNTY, INC

1993 Operating Budget of $211,276:

WHERE WILL IT COME FROM?

Local Giving	55%
United Way Match	13%
United Way	12%
Government Grants	7%
Private Grants	7%
Rent	3%
CROP	2%
Other	1%

WHERE WILL IT GO?

FOR THE HUNGRY: 19 meals a week	25%
FOR THE HOMELESS: shelter every night	25%
FOR THE HELPLESS: referrrals and guidance	10%
FOR THE DISCOURAGED: assistance and hope	15%
FOR THE CHURCHES: opportunities to serve	15%
FOR YOU: opportunities to give	5%
TOTAL	100%

Send to: ACAC
PO Box 2581
Burlington, NC 27216

- ❑ Yes, I am interested in gathering more information about the Ministries Center.
- ❑ Yes, I would like to volunteer my services for the work at the Ministries Center.
- ❑ I wish to contribute $_____ to the Ministries Center.

Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	March 28	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
Mon.,	March 29	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tues.,	March 30	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
		7:30 p.m.	Troop 51 Boy Scouts
Wed.,	March 31	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	April 1	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning Committee
Fri.,	April 2	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun.,	April 4	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:30 a.m.	All Youth to Duke Chapel
		8:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 28, 1993

Psalm 116:2

We use the phrase often, that gentle command, "Give me a call." It conveys desire for contact, and it expresses caring. "Give me a call" . . . when you get home safely, when the baby arrives, as soon as you hear about the job, as soon as you know the test results, if you need a hand, if you want a listening ear. God says to us all, "Give me a call" . . . in your trials and transition, in your joys and celebrations. And as the psalmist noted, God answers with sure, gracious, and loving attentiveness.

Rev. Glen E. Rainsley
First Congregational Church
Kent, CT

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ARCHIVES

In a large room on the second floor of the Philip Schaff Library at Lancaster Theological Seminary, the archives of the United Church of Christ are rapidly accumulating. Here are the minutes of General Synod, sets of curriculum materials, oral history tapes, correspondence of the presidents, denominational publications, deliberations of councils and commissions, evidence of the creation of new instrumentalities, and documents relating to our ecumenical enterprises.

The archivist, a member of the Executive Office staff, processes and preserves these records and provides reference assistance. Policies for the archives are set by the Historical Council, which advises the President and Executive Council on historical matters.

Materials in the archives document the activities of the United Church of Christ since its beginning in 1957. Records of our predecessor denominations and of Conferences, Associations, and local churches are stored in repositories across the country.

A master list or guide to these scattered resources will eventually include references to the holdings of all UCC-related archives. Lists of records are being collected from local churches celebrating 25-year incremental anniversaries, and a guide to women's archival materials is being developed.

All of these bits and pieces, located in many places and organized in many different ways, are the collective memory of our denomination. Thanks to gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, the archivist is available to assist persons seeking access to that memory, and to help make our history come alive.

Kay Schellhase
UCC Archivist



I TRUST

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Rev. Arch Aitcheson, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus, Parish Associate
Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti
Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choirmaster
Lydia Troxler and Sarah Hemphill, Acolytes today
Dr. Martin Shotzberger, Liturgist today

April 4, 1993 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Hosanna!" F. Melius Christiansen

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM "Hosanna to the Son" Jody Lindh
Senior, Junior and Children's Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Hosanna!
P: Hosanna in the Highest!
L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
P: Hosanna!
L: Hosanna in the Highest!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 155
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" St. Theodulph

INVOCATION

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
Unison: Almighty God, the Palm Sunday procession to Jerusalem excites us! We are caught up in the waving of palms and in the shouting of "Hosanna!" We want Easter to happen. We forget, however, the events of the week that follow that first Palm Sunday.

Remind us of the sacrifice of Jesus! Then remind us of our own need to confess the sinfulness and self-centeredness in our lives. We want the joy of Easter, but we do not want to face the Good Friday of our wrong-doing. Forgive us and change us, God! Guide us through this week so that we may proclaim the Easter message, "He is Risen!" In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (No. 513)

*Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "Palms Today, Thorns Tomorrow" Hank Beebe
Senior Choir

PSALTER LESSON PSALM 31: 9 - 16

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses)

MISSION MOMENT Carole Troxler

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Arr. Lani Smith

*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME "It Was More Than A Prade!"

*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 175
"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" St. Drostane

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 21: 1 - 11

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Reality Sets In!"
Rev. Arch Aitcheson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Feast of Love

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking Bread and Sharing the Cup

(The ushers will guide the congregation to receive altar communion. The method of communion is by intincture. Take the bread and dip it in the cup at one of the communion stations. If you are unable to come forward please alert an usher. A communion team will come to you!)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN OF FAITH — No. 199
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" — Diadamata

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

CHORAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE "The Palms" Jean-Baptiste Faure

The palms on the altar and for the congregation are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. John Kittenger, Patricia Kittenger, and John Kittenger by Eleanore Kittenger and Robert Kittenger.

Child Care during worship today: Sue Brown and Jamie Brown. Next Sunday: Karen Worst and Emily Woody.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Ann Acquilano. Next Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Virginia Jeffreys.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

un.,	April 4	9:30 a.m.	Youth Meet at Church to go to Duke Chapel
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		8:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
on.,	April 5	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
ues.,	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 51
		7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
ed.,	April 7	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
hurs.,	April 8	6:15 p.m.	Soup Supper in Parish House
		7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
		8:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
ri.,	April 9	6:30 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
un.,	April 11	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 1993
Psalm 31:14

"I trust." The words are easy to speak when life's pathways are smooth and comfortable—easy come, but sadly, too often, easy go as well. It may be only when our pathway becomes steep and perilous that finding and speaking those words can take on the most meaning and power. It is hard to say "I trust" when we are lying in a hospital bed after a just-delivered diagnosis of "malignant." Hard when we are handed an unexpected pink slip and we dig into the help-wanted ads with new anxiety and urgency. Hard when a marriage begins to unravel, thread by thread, until our spirits can handle no more. But the very hardness makes an "I trust" that much more meaningful and powerful when it can be claimed.

The psalmist of old could cry out to God, bemoaning his hard lot: "Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; . . . my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away" (Psalm 31:9-10). Yet distress only makes the next words the more powerful: "But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God'" (Verse 14).

Again, it was not easy for Jesus in Gethsemane the night before he died to trust. That trust, however, is evident when he says: "not what I want but what you want." The first part of his prayer gives it power: Jesus going off alone, throwing himself on the ground, saying: "My [God], if it is possible, let this cup pass from me (Matthew 26:39).

Jesus is honest with himself and honest with God. No pious cover-up. No denying his heartfelt hope that the path over palms of adoration on Sunday would not lead to an agonizing dead end on a cross on Friday. Trust for Jesus, as for the psalmist and us, is giving ourselves into God's hands, but only after facing openly our distress. By acknowledging pain and conflict honestly, we do not destroy the possibility of trust. Instead, we open our spirit to a God who can fill us with strength to endure whatever the future may bring.

Rev. William B. Abernethy
Wellesley Congregational Church
Wellesley, MA


I SHALL
LIVE

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April 11, 1993 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDES: **The Senior Handbell Choir**
Thine is the Glory ***Handel/Bloedow***
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today ***M. Bloedow***
Sheep May Safely Graze ***Bach/Wagner***
The Day of Resurrection ***L. McKechnie***

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND
PRESENTATION OF THE SCRIPTURES
Acolytes: *Kimberly Acquilano and Natalie Leuck*

SERVICE OF FELLOWSHIP Welcome, Friendship Forms and News of the Congregation

***PROCESSSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE** **No. 185**
"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Christ the Lord is Risen, indeed!
People: Alleluia!
Leader: The gravestone has been rolled away!
People: Alleluia!
Leader: Death is defeated! Life is victorious!
People: Alleluia!
Leader: In Christ, we are an Easter People!
People: Alleluia!
Leader: So be it! Let us pray . . .

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

Unison: As an Easter People we are filled with the joy of this day! Our "Alleluias" express the feeling of release and hope we discover in the Risen Christ! We are also aware of our own unworthiness and our sinful ways. Show us your mercy, O God. We need forgiveness and we need to be forgiving. Guide us that we might accept the Christ of Easter and live according to his Way and Truth and Life. In Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (No. 513)
*Passing the Sign of Peace and Reconciliation with one another:
Leader: The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!

PSALTER LESSON — Psalm 118: 14 - 24

Liturgist: Brian Rose

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem:
"Christ the Lord is Risen Again" arr. Paul Sticks
*Easter Doxology (Tune on page 64)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW,
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST!
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST!
O PRAISE GOD! O PRAISE GOD!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA! AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME *What Was In Jeremy's Egg?*
Story by Ida Mae Kempel as told by Arch Aitcheson

***EASTER ANTHEM AND HYMN**
"Sound the Trumpet" Dale Peterson
Brent McCraven, Trumpeter with the Senior Choir
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 185
sung by Choir and Congregation as Directed
(Children may leave for class on verse 2)

THE EASTER GOSPEL **John 20: 1 - 18**

THE EASTER SERMON Pastor Arch Aitcheson
This IS the Day!

THE PRAYER OF RENEWAL AND COMMISSIONING

***EASTER HYMN** **No. 187**
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR

BENEDICTION **(Please be seated)**

CHORAL BLESSING **Senior Choir**
"He Is Risen!" Joachim Neander

***POSTLUDE**

*If you are able, please stand at these times.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation from the Underhill family to the ministers and the congregation for their support and concern.

The Easter Lillies are given:

In loving memory of Walter C. Perry, Jr.
by his children and grandchildren.

In loving memory of their grandson, Rob Woody
by Estelle and Stan Willard

In loving memory of their brother, Rob Woody
by Emily and Matthew Woody

Child Care during worship today: Karen Worst and Emily Woody. Next Sunday: Marie Wilkins and Lydia Troxler.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Virginia Jeffreys. Next Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Edith Shotzberger.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

The Mission Board will meet on Sunday, April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Library.

The Mission Board invites anyone interested to take a tour of Allied Churches Ministries on Tuesday, April 20. The van will leave from the church parking lot at 7:15 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 11, 1993

Psalm 118:17

What a joyous affirmation the psalmist makes:

I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord!
(Psalm 118:17)

Through times of severe trial, suffering, and uncertainty, the writer has come to a deep confidence that God's steadfast love can be trusted.

I shall live! I shall live day by day, minute by minute, doing the dreary tasks as well as the great and noble ones. I shall live in and through times when I feel it would be easier to give up, to give in to the death-dealing forces all around me—just surrender to demoralization, depression, apathy. No! I shall live!

I shall live!: not just because I am a determined person, not just because I have confidence in my ability to "make it," not just because I believe life is worth living. No! Important as all these are—I shall live because God is dependable, God is my friend, my companion, my lover. I shall live because love is at the heart of the universe, calling me to be love's *embodiment* in my lifetime.

Even when human companions disappoint and betray me, I shall live despite my sorrow and grief. Even when the world seems only a battlefield, I shall live because I am called to carry on God's work of love and justice.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel characterized God as a "waiting God"—waiting for us to hear and respond to the cries of our brothers and sisters, waiting for us to live together as neighbors and members of one family. God is waiting for help in righting the wrongs, in contesting the death-dealing ways. God is waiting for us to *live: whole-heartedly, passionately, justly, mercifully.*

Iraneus was onto something when he said: *"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"*

Rev. Eleanor S. Morrison
Pilgrim Congregational UCC
Lansing, MI



Maundy Thursday
A Service of Remembrance

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
7:30 P.M.

GHTING OF THE CANDLES Marie Wilkins

Deacon: (as she lights the candles) Blessed be the name of the Lord, God creator of aven and earth, who sends light into the darkness and offers all who feast at this ble the promise of everlasting peace. Amen.

REETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.

HYMN No. 288

et Us Break Bread Together"

OORATION

Pastor: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been offered for us.
eople: LET US , THEREFORE, CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF CHRIST'S LOVE!
astor: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been sent to us!
eople: GOD HAS BROUGHT THE PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT FROM THE LAND OF BONDAGE!
astor: Let us praise God!

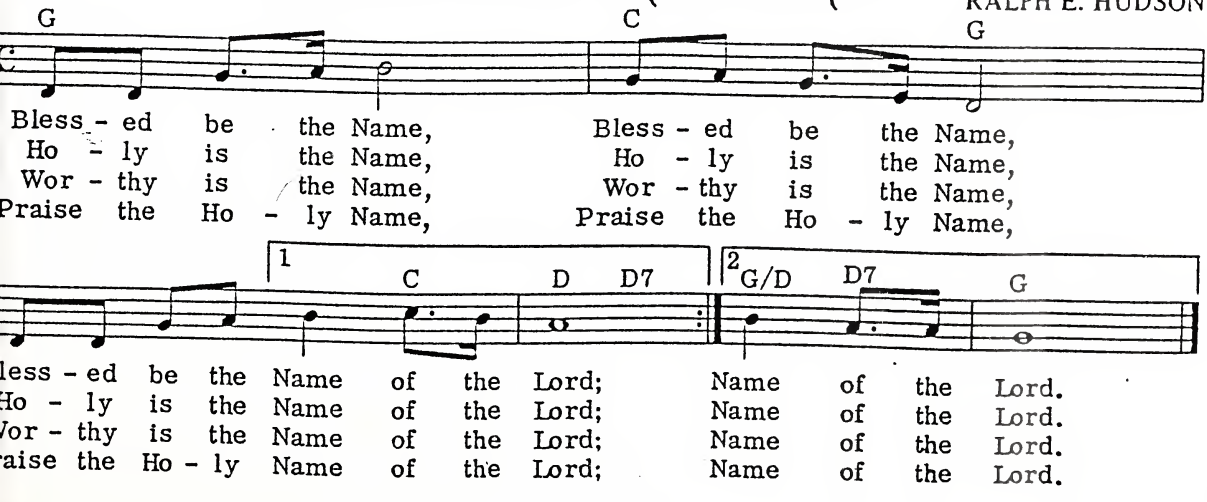
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essed Be the Name" Ralph E. Hudson

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21

Blessed Be the Name

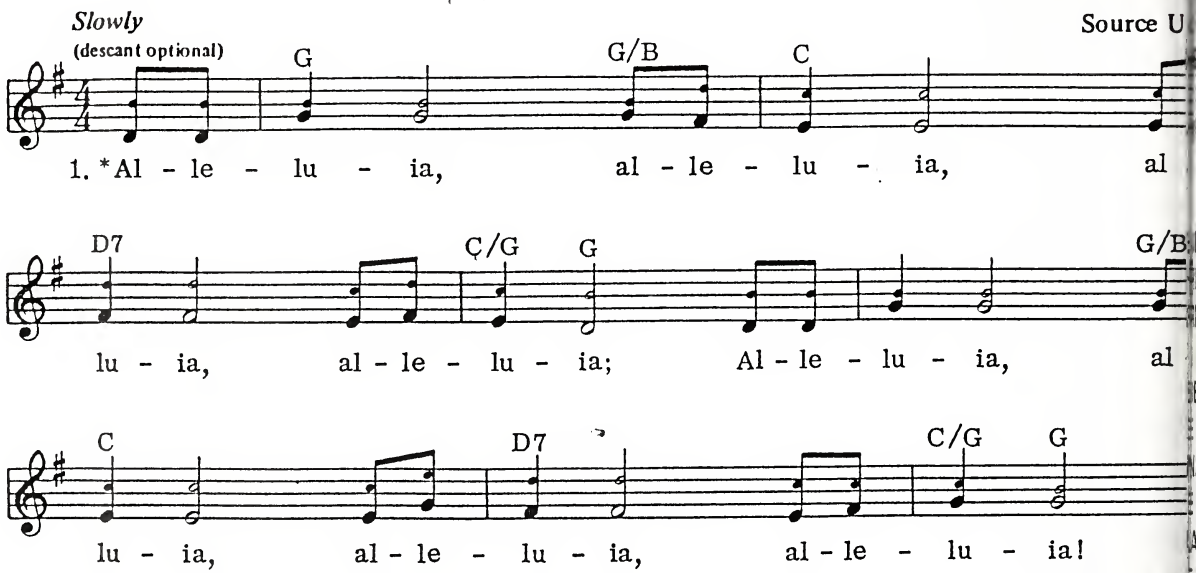
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Unison: Bless us, O God. Bless also the bounty of this feast [illegible] hands that prepared it. Nurture us as we are fed by this sacred feast. Open [illegible] hearts to the witness and faith of its symbolic foods and its eternal promise. [illegible] present in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup of New Covenant. In [illegible] name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Alleluia!"



HEBREW SCRIPTURE Exodus 24: 3 - 8

CHILDREN'S TIME **"The Last Supper"**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

Unison: Eternal God, whose word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, [illegible] recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious prese[illegible] in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and [illegible] freedom to serve you. We confess that we have been captive to sin. Our sin bi[illegible] us to false pride. The wrong that we do is made worse by the good we leave undo[illegible] Reconcile us to you and to our brothers and sisters. God of all mercy, forgive al[illegible] our sinful ways and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Ch[illegible] our Savior and Hope! Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

KYRIE Solo

.SSING THE PEACE
stor: The Peace of Christ be with you;
ople: And also with you!

:T OF PRAISE
stor: Let us sing praise to God!
OPLE: LET US CONTINUALLY PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD!

)XOLOGY

SPEL LESSON Mark 14: 12 - 26

E APOSTLES' CREED

ELIEVE IN GOD
E FATHER ALMIGHTY
EATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

ELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD.
WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
D BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
AS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED.
DESCENDED TO THE DEAD.
THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN.
ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
D IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE CREATOR.
WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

ELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
E COMMUNION OF SAINTS,
E FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
E RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,
D THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

ORIA PATRI

MA OF THE LAST SUPPER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer:

Pastor: God be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO GOD.

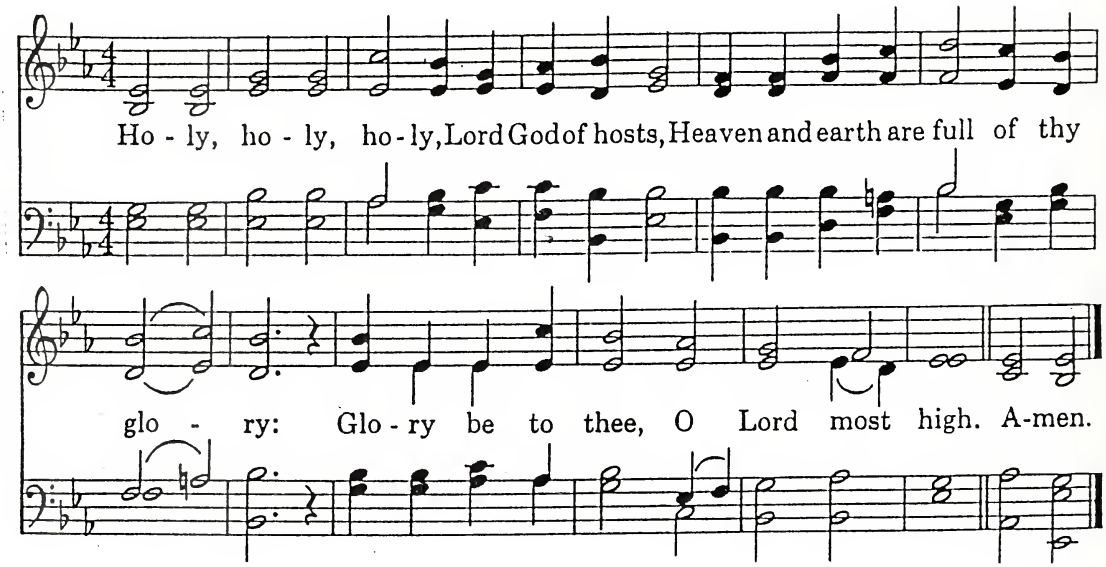
Pastor: Let us give thanks to God the Most High;

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE!

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

Prayer of Consecration

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" Samuel Wesley



Words of Institution

AGNUS DEI

UNISON: JESUS, LAMB OF GOD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
JESUS, BEARER OF OUR SINS, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD, GIVE US YOUR PEACE.

ALTAR COMMUNION

After the deacons have been served, ushers will guide you in groups of twelve to sit at the Lord's table.

The bread and chalice will be passed, and you will be asked to serve the bread and the cup to your neighbor after you have been served.

The method of communion is intincture. Dip the unleavened bread into the cup and eat it.

Pastor: Christ has died.
People: CHRIST HAS RISEN.
Pastor: Christ will come again!

E LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses . . .)

AYER OF COMMISSIONING

YMN No. 272
est Be The Tie That Binds"

ENEDICTION



THE SHADOWS OF GOOD FRIDAY

A Service of Tenebrae and Sacred Dance
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Friday, April 9, 1993 7:30 P.M.

THE SHADOWS OF GOOD FRIDAY

April 9, 1993

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The shadows lengthen and the darkness deepens;
P: *The passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ touches us!*
L: The terror of the injustice and the pain of the cross,
P: *Cause us to shudder and tremble as we remember!*
L: Quiet us, this night, O God, as we gather here!
P: *Let your Holy Spirit move in our midst!*
L: As we worship and pray remembering Christ's love!
Let us quiet ourselves and prepare ourselves in prayer.

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN OF THE PASSION No. 163
"*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?*" Herzliebster Jesu

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: ***We admit our guilt, God!***

We are found in the crowd calling for the death of the One Who Loved Us! We scream for the cross in words more hurtful than the cries of the folk in the city of Jerusalem. We know Jesus as the Christ! We call for his death by our sinful ways and our nasty deeds. We nail him to the cross by our spiteful and hateful words. We cause him to suffer by our self-centered attitudes and actions. And once again he takes the cross to offer us forgiveness and hope!

Forgive us, God of Mercy, and awaken us to the power of Good Friday and the Love of Easter! In the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

NTHEM

TURGICAL DANCE PRESENTATION
Were You There, When they Crucified My Lord"
orreographed by Joy Aitcheson
Iusic by the Adult Choir

RAYER OF REPENTANCE

RAMA
The Shadows of Good Friday"
A Modern Interpretation of the Ancient Rite of Tenebrae

HE DARKNESS

HE RETURN OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

HE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN A WHISPER)

ILENT BENEDICTION
PLEASE, leave the sanctuary in ABSOLUTE SILENCE and if ossible maintain that silence until you reach your home. Think of the darkness of the tomb and the light of hope ve await on Easter morn!

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And their eyes were opened



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Mr. Bill Ruth, Liturgist today

April 25, 1993 Second Sunday in Eastertide 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugato on "Crusader's Hymn"
Gordon Young

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF ADORATION
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 195
CORONATION

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND PRESENTATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Did we recognize him on the road to Emmaus?
PEOPLE: NO! WE WERE BLIND TO EASTER'S TRUTH!
Leader: Did we understand his teaching along the way?
PEOPLE: NO! WE WERE DEAF TO EASTER'S JOY!
Leader: Did we see him when he broke the bread?
PEOPLE: YES! AND WE FELT RENEWED AND ALIVE!
Leader: Seek him, then, in this time of worship!
PEOPLE: THAT ALL MAY PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST AS LORD!

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
Unison: Forgive us for our spiritual vision problem, Lord! We are so busy with our thoughts, that we often fail to see you walking with us! We are so focused on personal success, that we miss your eternal promises! We are so hungry for more than we need, that we fail to see you breaking bread with the poor! Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Awaken us to your presence and your call to service. Amen.

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (No. 513)
*Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"
Senior Choir David H. Williams

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 116: 12 - 19

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses)

MISSION MOMENT

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem: "The Holy City" Stephen Adams
Ray Covington, baritone
*DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S TIME "No Falda nada . . ." Arch Aitcheson

*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 181
"Alleluia! The Strife is O'er!" VICTORY
(Children may leave on verse two for second hour fellowship!)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24: 13 - 35

SERMON "The Power of Emmaus . . . ." Pastor Aitcheson

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 188
"Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

CHORAL RESPONSE "A Gaelic Blessing" John Rutter

POSTLUDE: Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae"
Lynnwood Farnam

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jane and Wendall McDevitt and Velma Barbee by Bill and Susan Barbee.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO ATTEND

Saturday, May 1 is the date - 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is the time. Parish House is the place. What? - A presentation and discussion of "Issues in the Middle East" led by Dr. Charles Kimball, Associate Professor of Religion, Furman University.

Everyone is invited - young, old, male, female, church member or visitor. Bring a bagged lunch if you plan to remain for entire session. Drinks will be provided.

On Sunday evening, April 25, 1993, the Peace Runs International will make a stop in Burlington on its cross-country peace run. The time will be 8:30 p.m. and the stop will be made in front of the municipal building on Lexington Ave. It is an honor for our city to be selected for a stop on this international event. The runners will arrive in Burlington from Chapel Hill, make a brief stop, and move to Greensboro via Church Street (Highway 70).

Citizens of Alamance County are invited to participate in this event. Participants who wish to run towards Greensboro on South Church Street (Highway 70) will need to make their own arrangements for return transportation.

Child Care during worship:
Today: Kim Perry and Tara McKenna
Next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Amy Rose

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Mona Atkinson.
Nursery next Sunday: Shannon Albertson and Goldie Smith.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	April 25	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Acolyte Training
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		5:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Mon.,	Aptil 26	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tues.,	April 27	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 51
Wed.,	April 28	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	April 29	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
Fri.,	April 30	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun.,	May 1	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Installation Service for Rev. Arch Aitcheson
			Reception to follow in P.H.
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 1993

Luke 24:31

My 15-month-old friend squatted down and became engrossed in careful study. I crouched down beside him to see what he saw. He was completely fascinated with little ants running along. In our next days together he often stopped to watch such little wonders, and so did I. My eyes were opened to see what I generally missed. The Lord uses numerous unique and special ways to open our eyes to God's many wonders and gifts. Sometimes it is a little child; sometimes a loaf of bread.

Rev. Diana J. Augspurer
Evangelical Congregational Church
Harvard, MA

REJOICE AND PRAISE GOD

Come, celebrate and share with the Pacific Island and Asian-American Ministries (PAAM) the gifts and ministries we bring to our United Church of Christ.

Who are we? We are Hawaiians, Samoans, Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese, Koreans, and other Asians who organized in 1974 as a recognized group of the United Church of Christ to promote the well-being of our constituents and our churches, to identify common concerns and develop solutions, to recognize and celebrate our unique insights and contributions to enriching the life of the UCC, and to explore and develop a Pacific Asian American theology.

Our culture and languages may set us apart, but we know from scripture that the Holy Spirit removed the barriers of language and culture that prevented understanding. Let us allow the same Spirit to affirm our identities, cultures and languages and open the mind and heart to knowledge and understanding.

On this PAAM Sunday, we invite you to hear our stories, to share our experiences of joy, pain, and suffering, and to experience our sense of harmony and wholeness with God and God's creation. We also invite you to share in our understanding of the communal nature of family, especially God's family, to follow our zeal in telling the Gospel to the people in our communities, to join us in developing new churches among our people, and to join in our struggles and search for justice.

Celebrate with us the work of Pacific Island and Asian American Ministries as it seeks to make the United Church of Christ's motto "that they may all be one" a reality.

Rose W. Lee
PAAM

Rejoice with... exalted joy



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April 18, 1993 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE "Resurrection Suite" Alec Wyto

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF ADORATION No. 19
"O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing"

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

*CHORAL INTROIT "Christ Is Arisen" Heinrich Schütz

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: It is true! Christ has Risen!
PEOPLE: BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HAVE NOT SEEN . . .
Leader: And yet can believe that truth!
PEOPLE: CHRIST HAS RISEN!
Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to God!
PEOPLE: ALLELUIA!

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
Unison: Doubts flood our minds, O God. Easter is very difficult to accept at times. The miracle of it all is more than we can imagine or believe. We cannot point fingers at Thomas or the other members of the Eleven. Help us to believe! Show us your truth and help us to feel the renewal as we seek forgiveness for our sins. In Christ we pray. Amen.

UCC Photo Series SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (No. 513)
*Passing the Peace (Sharing the words of peace and reconciliation with one another)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Arr. Ronald M. Huntington

EPISTLE LESSON I Peter 1: 3 - 9

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(trespasses . . .)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Arr. Virginia C. Thomas
*EASTER DOXOLOGY (Tune on page 64)
PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW,
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST!
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA! AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME "They did not know . . ." Echo Pantomime
Arch Aitcheson

*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 192
"The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE

GOSPEL LESSON John 20: 19 - 31

SERMON "I Believe . . . I think?" Pastor Aitcheson

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 193
"Thine Be The Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Tune: "Amazing Grace"

The Lord is - Ri-sen, this I know.
The tomb has - been un-sealed!
New Li-fe is - giv'n to - every - soul
God's love is - now revealed!

Go forth and - tell the world Good News,
Proclaiming Christ your Lord!
Live out - the - peace he's grant - ed you
And dai - ly share his Word!

A-Men.

*POSTLUDE "Christ Is Risen!" Oreste Ravanel

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

ALL ARE INVITED, YEA, EVEN URGED TO ATTEND!

"A Presentation and Discussion . . .
Issues in the Middle East"

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Charles Kimball, Associate Professor of religion at Furman University and former National Council of Churches Director for the Middle East. Dr. Kimball has written: Angle of Vision, selected as the ecumenical mission study book for 1993, and a more recent book, Religion, Politics and Oil, a Volatile Mix in the Middle East.

WHEN? Saturday, May 1, 1993
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE? The Elon College Community Church Parish House
Elon College, North Carolina
584-0391

SPONSORED BY: The Elon College Community UCC Mission Board and the First Christian UCC Women's Fellowship of Burlington.

COST: FREE! Bring a bagged lunch if you plan to stay for the entire event. Drinks will be provided.

----------tear off----------

____ **I'll be at the May 1, 1993 Middle East Program. Save a place for me!**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Tear this off and put it in the offering plate on Sunday Morning!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Habitat Campus Chapter Spaghetti Dinner in Parish House
	12:00 noon	Board of Christian Education
	1 - 5 p.m.	YETS Spaghetti Dinner (Pick a time)
	2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
	3:00 p.m.	CROP Celebration in Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Mon.,	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:15 p.m.	Mission Board Tour of Allied Churches
Wed.,	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
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	2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
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	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 1993

I Peter 1:8

The first words my granddaughter Wailani said unceasingly at about the age of two were "Be happy!" In the language of our children, today's theme invites us to "Be happy to the max!"—because God never gives up on us, having shown us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11)—*because* God, through Christ, loves us, and never gives up on people like Thomas and you and me (John 20:19-31)—and *because* the Resurrection of Christ has given us the one chance in a lifetime to be "born anew to a living hope" (I Peter 1:3). Rejoice with exalted joy!

Rev. David K. Kaupu
Bishop Memorial Chapel
Honolulu, HI

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In the fall of 1990, Kevin Brown, a student at Washington University law school in St. Louis, enrolled in a course on Hazardous Waste and Substances.

"I asked the professor if he had any research that addressed environmental racism," Brown recalls, "and he said 'no,' but I could do it." That is how the second-year African American law student got involved in helping define a new environmental agenda.

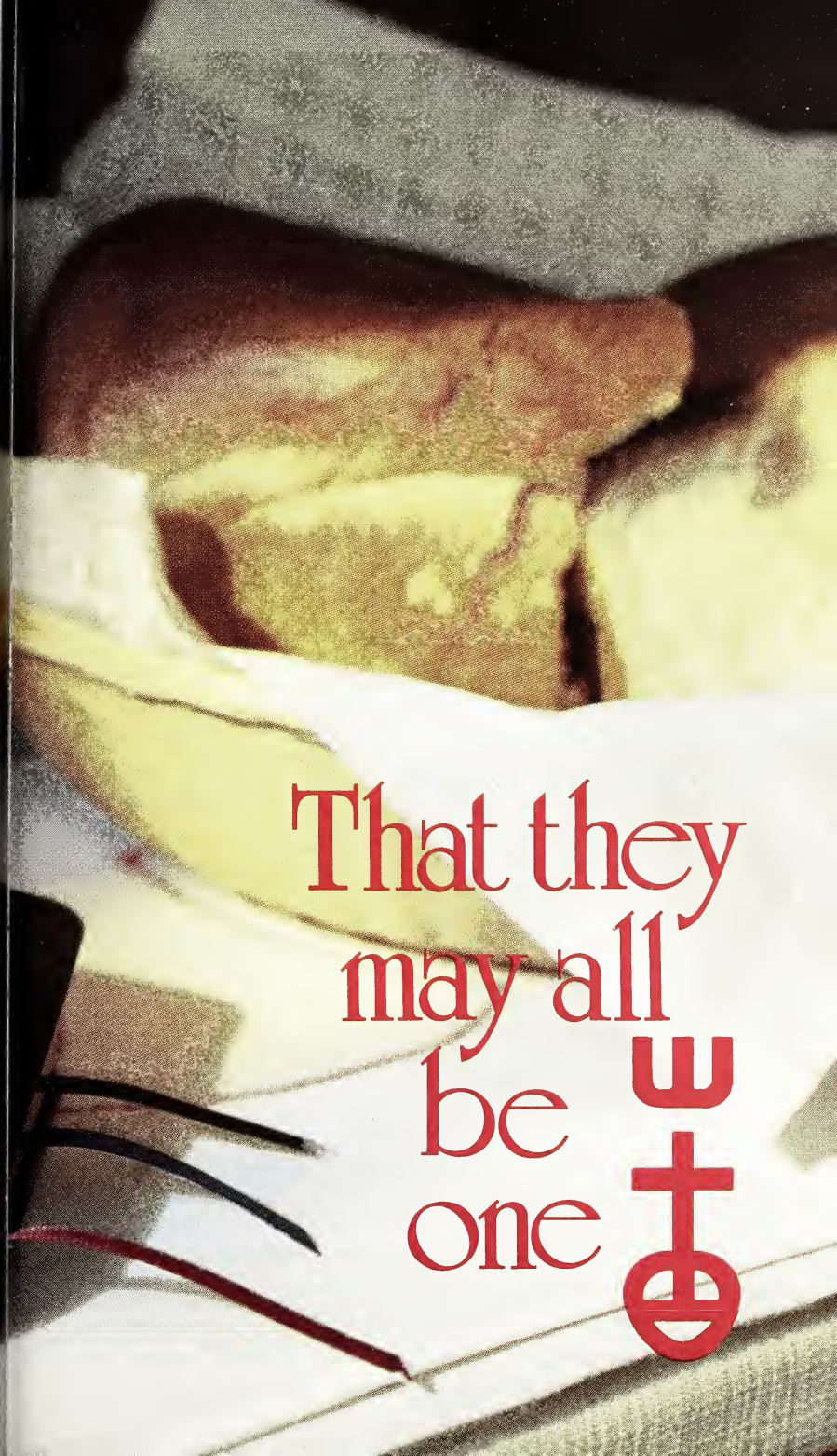
It was not long afterward that Kevin Brown encountered *Toxic Waste and Race in the United States*, the landmark 1987 study produced by the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice. His own research on St. Louis more than confirmed the national findings.

According to Brown, St. Louis' African American communities are "being dumped upon in air, water and soil out of proportion to their white community counterparts." Specifically, "this means that in African American communities you see more smokestacks, more garbage, and more 'flydumping'—dumping waste in vacant lots," he concludes.

A year later, Kevin Brown was invited to share his research at the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the UCC's Commission for Racial Justice.

Now Kevin has decided to combine his commitment to environmental justice and his legal training. "I want to approach state and national officials and get them to address the problem," he says.

The United Church of Christ may not have been responsible for Kevin Brown's decision. But, through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we were able to nurture it.


That they
may all
be
one

A Service of Installation
for
the Reverend Archie B. Aitcheson
Elon College Community United Church of Chr
May 2, 1993 4 o'clock in the afternoo

PRELUDE Mrs. Betty Walker
"Partita on 'Crimond'" *by Gordon Young*

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Ray Covington
Leader: The Lord is my Light and my salvation!
PEOPLE: ***I will fear no one!***
Leader: The Lord protects me from all danger;
PEOPLE: ***I will never be afraid!***
Leader: When you said, "Come worship me,"
PEOPLE: ***I answered, "I will come, Lord!"***
Leader: Praise the God of Light and Salvation!
PEOPLE: ***In the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer!***

*HYMN OF FAITH verses 1 - 4 No. 197
"At the name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Susan Hemphill

SERVICE OF CONFESSION Dr. Earl Danieley
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Confession
Prayer of General Confession:

*UNISON: **God of all times and places, Creator of all human creatures and races, hear us as we come to lift up our prayers of confession. The Risen Christ has called each of us to minister in his name. We often choose not to hear that call. We ignore the challenge. We refuse to witness to the powerful Gospel he offers. We run from our responsibilities as Christians. Forgive us, God of Mercy. Awaken us to a fresh calling to minister and a renewal of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.***

ords of Assurance
Gloria Patri
Passing of the Peace
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!
PEOPLE: *And also with you!*

LTER LESSON **Psalm 27** Dr. Richard Henderson

ORAL ANTHEM *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Douglas Wagner*

W TESTAMENT LESSON **I John 4: 7 - 21** Mr. William Gilliam

SPEL LESSON **Matthew 18: 10 - 14** Dr. Jeff Wilkins

YMN OF UNITY **No. 260**
he Church's One Foundation" Aurelia

ANCEL DRAMA "This Little Light of Mine!"
written by John Danner

ongregational Response (at the end of the drama)

Little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

re my light with others? Yes! I'm gonna let it shine.
. . .Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

eat verse 1.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Greeting
e Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern
ference of the United Church of Christ greets you in
name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church on earth
in heaven. Therefore since we are surrounded by so
at a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every
ght and sin which clings so closely, and let us run
h perseverance the race that is set before us!

CONGREGATION: *Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and the perfector of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

The Presentation of the Candidate
Local Church Representative - Dr. Jeff Wilkins
Association Representative - Dr. Kenneth Register

The Exhortation
The Covenant

Pastor's Response: I am willing, and I promise to serve this Church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

* Congregational Response: We, the members of the Elon College Community Church United Church of Christ, receive Arch Aitcheson as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the Gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

* Association Response: We the members of the Eastern Nort Carolina Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Elon College Community Church as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

The Prayer of Installation — Rev. Beasley
The Declaration — Dr. Register

THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Anthem *"The Flower of Love"* *arr. F.M. Christiansen*
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

E SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ne Invitation Rev. Arch Aitcheson

ne Prayer of Consecration

Vords of Institution Rev. Beasley

haring the Feast

Ushers will guide the congregation to the five communion stations. One team is also available for those who may not be able to come to a station. The method we use today is intincture . . . take bread and dip the bread in the cup before you partake of it.

rayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus

HYMN OF GRACE

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see!

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home! Amen!

BENEDICTION (PLEASE BE SEATED)

"The Twenty-third Psalm" from "Gloria" by John Rutter
Liturgical dance by Joy Aitcheson

POSTLUDE ***"Jesus,Lover of My Soul"*** ***arr. Gordon Young***

***please stand if you are able**

The Deacons and members of Elon College Community Church invite everyone to a reception in the Parish House following worship.

Participants in the Service

Joy Aitcheson is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Aitcheson, a member of Elon College Community Church and the Y.E.T.S. program here.

The Reverend Yvonne Beasley is the Associate Conference Minister of the Eastern North Carolina Association of The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Ray Covington is a member of Elon College Community Church and served as the Chair of the Search Committee that brought Rev. Aitcheson to us.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley is a member and Trustee of Elon College Community Church.

Mr. William Gilliam is a friend of the Aitchesons and a member of Berea United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Susan Hemphill is a member and Christian Education Board Member at Elon College Community Church. Susan als served on the Search Committee.

Dr. Richard Henderson is a friend of Rev. Aitcheson and family, a member of St. Mark's Reforemed Church, from Altamahaw Ossipee, N.C.

Dr. Kenneth Register is the Moderator of the Eastern North Carolina Association and the Pastor Emertus of Beverly Hills United Church of Christ.

Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus is the Parish Associate of the Elon College Community Church for Youth Ministry and Visitation.

Dr. Jeff Wilkins is a member and the Moderator of the Elon College Community Church. He also served on the Search Committee.

mmunion Servers for this afternoon are:

Marie Wilkins, Deacon
. Marsh McLelland, Deacon
Rev. Richard McBride, Chaplain of Elon College
Dr. Emmmett O. Floyd, Interim Minister, New Mission U.C.C.
Dr. William J. Andes, Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Martin Shotzberger, Church Member
Rev. Barry Raker, Executive Director, United Way of Alamance Co.

Participants in the Chancel Drama
(By order of Appearance...)

Child - **David L. Brown**, son of James and Susan Brown and an active member of our Church School, Terrific Thursdays, and Children's Choir.

Pastor of Ceremonies - **Ray Covington.**

Homeless Woman - **Mrs. Mary Ruth,** church member and Executive Director of the Allied Churches of Alamance Co. Mary is the wife of Bill Ruth.

Mother and Baby - **Heidi Troxler,** daughter of George and Carol Troxler and active member of Y.E.T.S., the church Bell Choir and the Senior Choir.

Teen Rapper - **Jeff Wilkins, III,** son of Jeff and Marie Wilkins, and active as a Church Acolyte, Sunday School, Terrific Thursdays and Children's Choir.

AIDS Patient -

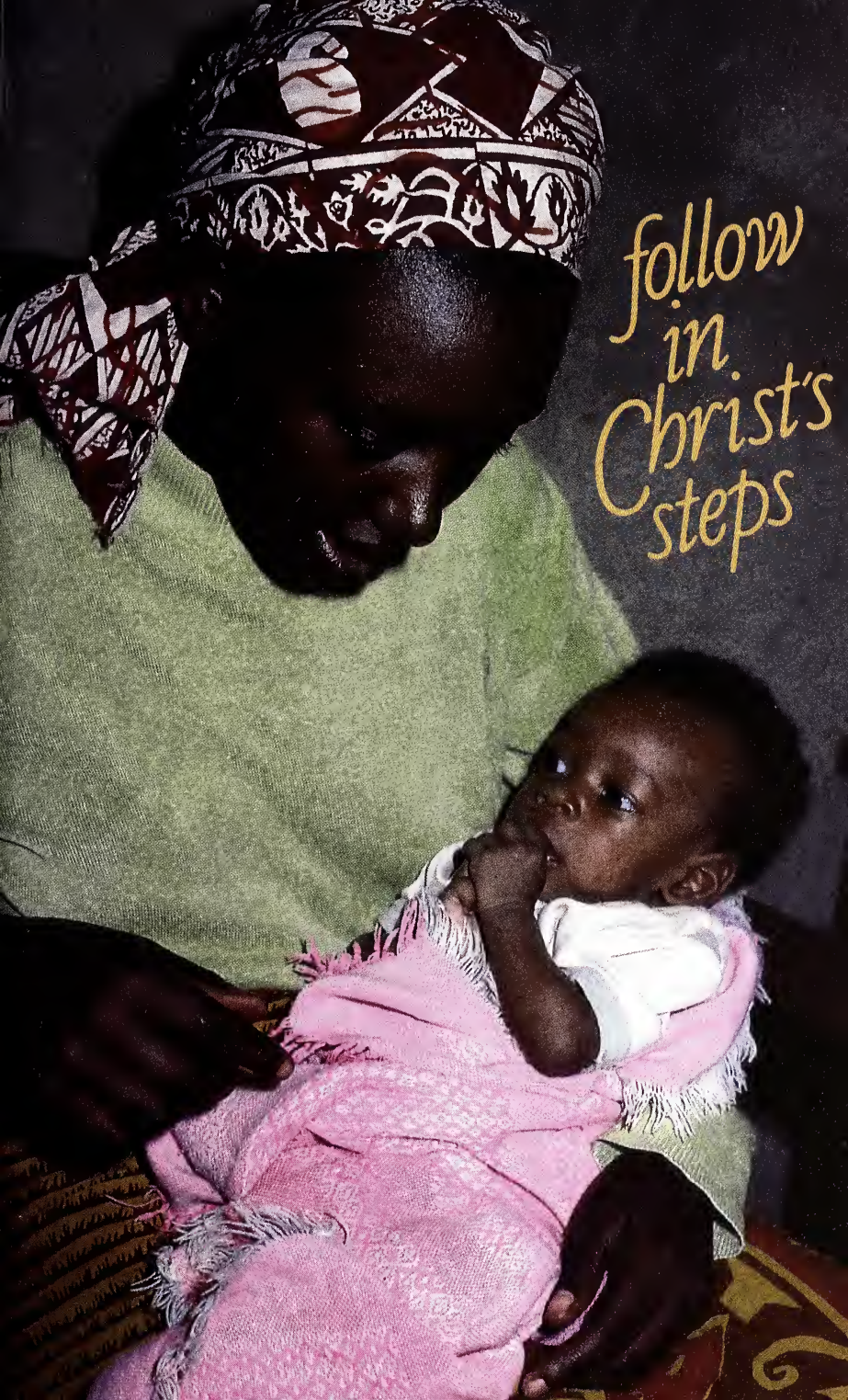
"J.C." - **Gayland Welborn**, a church member who is a member of the Board of Evangelism, a Sunday School Teacher and husband to Cile Welborn.

The Offering for tonight's service will be dedicated to provide assistance to ministerial families in the Eastern North Carolina Association and to the work of Allied Churches of Alamance County.

Ushers for this service are Lohr Dixon, Earl Parker, Stan Willard, Dee Atkinson and Mike Mayse.

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger in loving memory of their son, Martin Edward Shotzberger and in honor of Rev. Arch Aitcheson upon his installation as pastor of Elon College Community Church.


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May 2, 1993 Third Sunday in Eastertide 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Preghiera" Oresto Ravanello

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

*HYMN OF ADORATION
"At the Name of Jesus" No. 197
KING'S WESTON

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND PRESENTATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: New life, new hope awakens . . .
P: WHERE EVER PEOPLE RECEIVE CHRIST!
L: A new Covenant is established . . .
P: FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN CHRIST!
L: Praise God for the Joy of Eastertide!
P: PRAISE GOD FOR THE LOVE WE HAVE RECEIVED!
L: AMEN.

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: As we approach the table of our Lord, forgive us God! We are unworthy. We wear prejudice like comfortable shoes. We serve up hatred and cruelty like a main course! We continue old patterns of behaviors, because we do not like change. When we hurt another or turn our back on a friend, we blame it on principle! God forgive us, that we can break bread and share Christ's cup with a

clear conscience. Cleanse us and renew us in the One who offered us the ultimate gift of mercy, even Jesus our Redeemer! Amen.

Words of Assurance

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P: And also with you!

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Allen Pote
Senior Choir

EPISTLE LESSON I Peter 2: 19 - 25

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(TRESPASSES. . .)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Arr. Hal Hopson

*EASTER DOXOLOGY and the Prayer of Dedication
(Tune on page 64)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW,
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST!
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA! AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME "A Powerful Psalm" Arch Aitcheson

*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 206
"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" HANOVER
(Children may leave on verse 2 for second hour fellowship)

GOSPEL LESSON John 10: 1 - 11

COMMUNION MEDITATION "The Good Shepherd"
Pastor Aitcheson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Breaking Bread and Sharing the Cup
(The ushers will guide us to altar communion stations. If you are unable to come forward a communion team will bring the sacrament to you. The method of communion is intincture - take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice, then eat before returning to your pew.)
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN OF FAITH
"Dear Master, In Whose Life I See" No. 208

BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

(NO RESPONSE THIS WEEK)

POSTLUDE "Temples Eternal" Arr. F. M. Christiansen

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger in loving memory of their son, Martin Edward Shotzberger and in honor of Rev. Arch Aitcheson upon his installation as pastor of Elon College Community Church.

Child Care during worship today: Cile Welborn and Amy Rose. Next week: Karen Worst and Marie Acquilano.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Mona Atkinson. Next week: Shannon Albertson and Goldie Smith.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEWS

Sunday, May 9, 1993, will be **YOUTH SUNDAY!** The tradition continues as youth lead our congregation in worship on this Special Mother's Day Sunday.

The Day will begin at 9:30 a.m.!

BREAKFAST will be provided for all ages . . . Youth, parents and Sunday School teachers are invited to come to the Parish House at **9:30 sharp!!!** There will be muffins, baked goods, juices and coffee for everyone. We do ask that you make your reservation by filling out the form below or by calling the Church Office by May 5! Sunday School will follow the quick breakfast.

WORSHIP will begin at 11:00 a.m.

----------reservation----------

YOUTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Name:_____Phone:_____

How many? **Youth**_____ **Adults**_____

Put in the offering plate or send to the Church Office by May 5, (Wed.)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

n.,	May 2	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	Installation Service for Rev. Aitcheson
			Reception to follow in Parish House
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
n.,	May 3	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
es.,	May 4	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 51
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
l.,	May 5	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alconolics Anonymous
ırs.,	May 6	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
..,	May 7	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
..,	May 9	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Board of Christian Education
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 1993
1 Peter 2:21

What would happen if Christians took the admonition to follow in Jesus' steps literally? That is the question posed in the 1897 novel, *In His Steps*. The author, a Kansas Congregational pastor named Charles Sheldon, showed how society was transformed when people resolved never to act without first asking "What would Jesus do?" Today we scoff at that unsophisticated notion. Perhaps personal purity cannot produce social redemption, but that does not contradict the Gospel. The good news is that Jesus left us an example to follow for its own sake alone.

ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY

When Rev. Nancy Brink, pastor of North Side Christian Church in Omaha, Nebraska, came to visit a hospitalized teenager from neighboring Central Park Congregational UCC in the absence of his own pastor, she was not a stranger to the seriously ill young man. Annual "Partnership" worship conducted by the two churches had given him an opportunity to know her as a member of his extended church family. "I wasn't sure I'd be able to minister to him very effectively," she recalls. "But I discovered that the ecumenical partnership we had celebrated over the years had given us a bond that allowed for meaningful pastoral care and concern."

Ecumenical Partnership begins with worship at North Side and Central Park. But it is also expressed in other ways, including a monthly mission project in which the men of both churches prepare and serve a meal together at the local shelter for the homeless.

Omaha's ecumenical partnership is one example of the many ways congregations, Conferences, regions, and national bodies are expressing the unity of Christ's Church. Full communion between the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), established in 1989, has as its vision a time "when our two churches can claim together our oneness in Jesus Christ . . ."

This July the Disciples' General Assembly and the UCC General Synod will meet in St. Louis for "A Common Gathering." Through shared worship, Bible study, decision-making, and fellowship, participants will have the opportunity to join North Side Christian Church and Central Park Congregational UCC in proclaiming to the world that we are "partners for the glory of God."

Rev. John H. Thomas
Office of the President

COME TO
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FOR

ROTECTION

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Rev. Arch Aitcheson, Pastor Phone: 584-039
Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus, Parish Associate
Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit
Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choirmaster

May 9, 1993 YOUTH SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Arr. Van Denman Thompso

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Leigh Ann Batte

L: Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid!
Celebrate the good news: Christ is risen!
P: We will not fear losses or suffering.
We are raised with Christ to new life.
L: Come to Christ, the cornerstone, the one rejected by many. Come to Christ, chosen by God and precious to us
P: We rejoice in God's eternal love.
We are glad for God's faithfulness that redeems us.

*OPENING HYMN #481 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Silent Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: God, we know there are times when we forget the higher good. Instead, we take the easy way. We follow our friends instead of following you. It is hard, God. We feel awkward being Christian. We are sorry, God, that we don't always love you or even make the effort to know you. We pray that you will still love us, even when we make mistakes. We promise to try harder, especially starting today.
Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri

*Passing of the Peace (Sharing words of peace and reconciliation with one another)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

Acts 17:1-12	Drew McLelland
Psalm 31:1-8	Meg Wilkins
I Peter 2:2-10	Marie Acquilano
John 14:1-6	Emily Woody

DRAMA AND MUSICAL:
"Down by the Creek Bank" by Dottie Rambo
Performed by Junior Choir

Leigh Ann Batten	Drew MeLelland, Leader
David Brown	Josh Padgett
Chasity Campbell	Lydia Troxler
Sarah Hemphill	Claire Welborn
Natalie Leuck	Jeff Wilkins
Hope Martin	Meg Wilkins

Directed by Betty Walker, Church Organist and Choir Director

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
Offertory Sentence — Kimberly Acquilano
Offertory: "This Is My Father's World" Arr. Van D. Thompson
*Easter Doxology (Tune on page 64)
PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW,
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST!
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA! AMEN.
*Prayer of Dedication — Matthew Woody

*HYMN #478 "All things Bright and Beautiful"

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER — Heidi Troxler

LORD'S PRAYER: Liturgical Dance
Narrator: Rev. Robin Townsley
Offered by: Shannon Albertson, Middle High Leader

Brad Linde
Elizabeth Mayse
Matthew Mayse
Drew McLelland
Lydia Troxler

*BENEDICTION

UNISON: We have come together to be strengthened and renewed, to make a new beginning for ourselves. We thank you Lord that change is possible. We pray to grow each day, within the protective embrace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

POSTLUDE: Allegro from Second Concerto G. F. Handel

YMN: "Lord of the Dance"
he hymn will be sung by the congregation with musical
nterludes in between each stanza. The Middle High
iturgical Dancers will dance at these times.

usical Introduction

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
nd I danced in the moon and stars and the sun,
nd I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
t Beth-le-hem I had my birth.

EFRAIN: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
nd I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
nd I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

(musical interlude)

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
ut they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John;
hey came to me and the dance went on. REFRAIN

(musical interlude)

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
he holy peo-ple said it was a shame;
hey whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
nd they left me there on a cross to die. REFRAIN

(musical interlude)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
t's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
hey buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
ut I am the dance and I still go on. REFRAIN.

(musical interlude)

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that will never, never die;
'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. REFRAIN

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BULLETIN NOTES

Liturgist for today: Leigh Ann Batten
Scripture Readers: Drew McLelland, Meg Wilkins, Marie Acquilano, Emily Woody.
Prayer and Benediction: Heidi Troxler

Acolytes: Kimberly Acquilano
Matthew Woody

Greeters: Shannon Albertson
Elizabeth Mayse
Lydia Troxler

Ushers: Joy Aitcheson
Jamie Brown
Brad Linde
Matthew Mayse
Christy Vitou

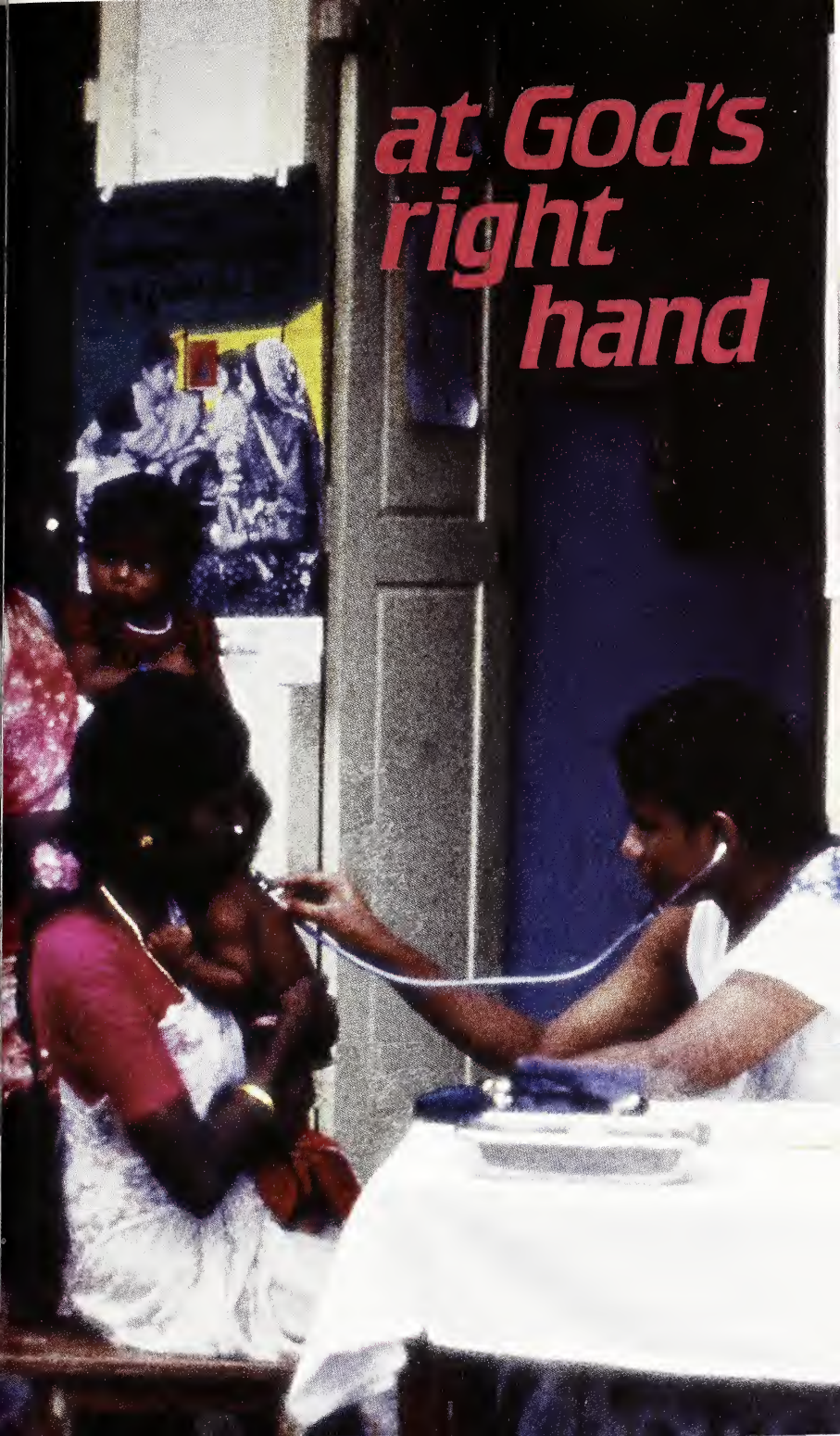
Nursery: Amy Rose

Bulletin Cover: Jamie Brown

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	May 9	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast for all Youth and parents
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Board of Christian Ed
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		5:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Mon.,	May 10	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tues.,	May 11	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 51
Wed.,	May 12	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	May 13	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Fri.,	May 14	6:00 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
		7:30 p.m.	Youth Dance
Sat. - Sun. May 15 & 16		Cub Scout Camping Trip to Hanging Rock	


at God's
right
hand

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
May 16, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Rev. Arch Aitcheson, Pastor
Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus, Parish Associate
Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti
Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist-Choirmaster
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

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PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. by Ken. Holland
Come Christians Join to Sing Linda McKechnie
PERFORMED BY THE Senior Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass the Friendship Ritual Folder in the Pew. Sign your name, address and phone number and the pass the folder back for others to read!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 345
"*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*" MARION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ does not leave us abandoned . . .
P: He continues to be present to us in every circumstance!
L: Christ does not leave us defenseless . . .
P: He offers us a new Advocate in the Spirit of Truth!
L: So, we can worship God, offering thanksgiving and praise,
P: As a people loved and nurtured by God's everlasting presence!
L: Let us unite our hearts in prayer . . .

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON **I Peter 3: 13 - 22**
Liturgist: Mr. Kevin Batten

CE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
nal Prayers of Confession
orate Prayer of Confession:

SON: Our consciences are troubled, God. We come to
fession with feelings of guilt and shame. We seek
cleansing that Christ offers for our lives. We have
sen evil over good. We have confused right and wrong.
have been cruel and judgemental. We have nurtured
e and corruption. Forgive us, in the Christ who gave
self up for our sins. Heal us! Restore us! Empower us!
he Holy Spirit who lives with us in the name of Jesus
rist, our Savior. Amen.
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The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

HEM *O Worship the King* arr. by Barbara Kinyon
FORMED BY The Senior Choir and the Senior Handbell Choir

OWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses . . .)

DREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson

VICE OF THANKSGIVING
e Call to Give Jeff Wilkins
ertory Anthem *Love is the Theme/Love Divine* Ken Holland
Senior Handbell Choir
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ffertory Prayer Lydia Troxler

MN OF FAITH No. 227
rest Lord Jesus" SCHONSTER HERR JESU
Children may leave for the second hour program on verse 2

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14: 15 - 2

SERMON *"What's Left?"* Rev. Arch Aitchesc

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF BLESSING** No. 238
"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" MENDON

BENEDICTION
(please be seated)

CHORAL BLESSING *Go Forth in Joy!* Alice Jordar

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on 'Ebenezer'* Gordon Your

* Please Stand if you are able

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There will be an ALL CHURCH PICNIC this evening 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Joe Davidson Park Pavilion. Bring: the whole family, friends, of all ages! And a Covered-Dish to share! Don't miss this event!!!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

un.,	May 16	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Board of Christian Ed
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		6:00 p.m.	Church Family Picnic
on.,	May 17	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL
ues.,	May 18	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 51
ed.,	May 19	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
hurs.,	May 20	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
ri.,	May 21	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
at.,	May 22	8:45 a.m.	YETS - Habitat Work Day
un.,	May 23	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Council
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		5:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16, 1993

1 Peter 3:22

As members of the body of Christ, we are sometimes sentimental enough to think that only evil persons should suffer. However, Peter reminds us of the suffering Christ endured for us. Then, he helps us focus on the challenge of discipleship, of helping others in Christ's name. As we function as Christ's "limbs and organs," we love him more deeply and trust him more fully. In closing, Peter reminds us that Christ is at the right hand of God, always there to protect, strengthen, and uphold us.

Rev. Richard D. Freeman
St. Paul's United Church
Rio Rancho, NM

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Crowded shanty towns and refugee camps, overtaxed feeding stations and health clinics: we've all seen them in pictures. The needs of suffering humanity in the world today are staggering. The dimensions of poverty and illness are so great they threaten to paralyze us with despair.

What can one individual, one family, or even one congregation do to relieve the ordeal of millions of people? Rather than despair of ever making a difference, however, some people seek to help by sponsoring one, or more, children in need.

Overseas child sponsorships enable us to reach out with love to help a specific person in need. All of us have seen the magazine advertisements and television commercials for some of the large child sponsorship programs.

Did you know that the United Church of Christ has a child sponsorship program, too?

There are several reasons why you should consider sponsoring a child through the church:

* We have been committed to this program since the 1950s.
* We provide direct assistance to almost two thousand children, and older adults, in seventeen different overseas centers.
* Our sponsorships cost as little as twenty-one dollars a month.
* Only one dollar is deducted from each monthly contribution for administrative costs.

After sponsors select a geographical area—in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, the Caribbean, or Asia—a child is assigned to them and they receive his or her case history and photograph.

For more information on child sponsorships, ask your pastor to help you contact the United Church Board for World Ministries.


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Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
May 23, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Rev. Arch Aitcheson, Pastor
Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus, Parish Associate
Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti
Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist-Choirmaster
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

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PRELUDE *Siciliano from 'Fifth Concerto'* G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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pass the folder back for others to read!

INTROIT *Great Thou Art* Alice Jordan

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
"*In Christ There Is No East or West*" No. 414
ST. PETER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ does not leave us abandoned . . .
P: He continues to be present to us in every circumstance!
L: Christ does not leave us defenseless . . .
P: He offers us a new Advocate in the Spirit of Truth!
L: So, we can worship God, offering thanksgiving and praise,
P: As a people loved and nurtured by God's everlasting presence!
L: Let us unite our hearts in prayer . . .

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 68: 1 - 10
Liturgist: Katie Brown

UCC Photo Series SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

VICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
sonal Prayers of Confession
porate Prayer of Confession:

IISON: God of Mercy, Forgive us! Our lives are often cluttered with words and deeds that bring us shame. We seem to get enjoyment out of hurting others. We seek revenge and we nurture grudges. We are less than kind. We thrive on chaos. We strive for success, but lose sight of your will. Yes, God, we need forgiveness. We need a fresh start in life. Grant us that opportunity, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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: The Peace of Christ be with you!
: **And also with you!**

THEM *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* arr. by Barbara Kinyon
RFORMED BY The Senior Choir and the Children's Choir

LOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses . . .)

COGNITION OF GRADUATES FOR 1993
esentation of the Candidates
Charge to Graduates
ve Gifts

RVICE OF THANKSGIVING
he Call to Give Leigh Ann Batten
ffertory Anthem *Beautiful Savior* arr. Tom Fettke
Doxology
Offertory Prayer Hope Martin

***HYMN OF FAITH** No. 448
"*Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord*" ST. CECILIA
Children may leave for the second hour program on ve

THE GOSPEL LESSON **John 17: 1 - 11**

SERMON *"Unity in A Prayer"* Rev. Arch Aitches

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF BLESSING** No. 26
"O Be Joyful in the Lord!" ROCK OF AGES

BENEDICTION
(please be seated)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(Tune: *Let Us Break Bread Together***)**

Let us serve Christ together all our days!
Let us serve Christ together all our days!
We are called to be one
In the blessings of his love.
Go forth, then, rejoicing, filled with praise!
Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata* Charles Marie Widor

* Please Stand if you are able

TUESDAY NIGHT

No plans for Tuesday Night?
Here's an opportunity to learn!
Pastor Arch will be showing a
video about
Healing The Children
a medical airlift program
very dear to his ministry!
Come join the Mission Board
at 7:30 P.M
in the Youth Room!

Put this on your calendar NOW!

All Board/Committee Planning Meeting
June 21 7:30 p.m.
In the Seeker's Room!

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Women's Fellowship Dinner
June 7, 1993

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Church Council Meeting
July 26, 1993
7:30 p.m.

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Rainbows and Promises Children's Conference
June 28 to July 2, 1993
ages 4 through High School!
HERE!

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Elon College Community Church Homecoming
October 10, 1993

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

A THANK OFFERING FOR THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ELON COLLEGE "STRENGTHENS THE CHURCH" ON MAY 30TH

"Strengthen the Church" is the newest all-church offering. It was created in 1988 to respond to the need for more churches and more leaders in the United Church of Christ. Actually it is a "thank offering" for all that our United Church of Christ means to us personally and in its wider outreach. Seventy percent of our gifts to this offering go to start new churches and renew older ones. So, the number of new churches we can start depends upon how much we give to "Strengthen the Church". The national church has set a goal of 150 new and renewed churches by 1995. We are more than halfway to that goal.

We support the church also by developing leadership through programs like "Faith Works" gatherings, five days of worship and public addresses, workshops and forums, music and fellowship. Thousands of members attended in 1990 when the meeting took place on the Indiana University campus. A second "Faith Works" will be held in 1994 at Purdue University.

We all know that our church has a unique contribution to make here in our own community and also on the national and international scene. Let us resolve to "Strengthen the Church" by contributing to this very important effort. Please give generously when the offering plate is passed next Sunday.

Mission Board

Katherine Floyd

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	May 23	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Countil
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		5:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Mon.,	May 24	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Lodge
Tues.,	May 25	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 51
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions "Healing the Children"
Wed.,	May 26	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	May 27	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
Fri.,	May 28	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sat.,	May 29	8:45 a.m.	YETS work on Habitat House
Sun.,	May 30	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 23, 1993
John 17:4

What a joy to be called into the service of the Lord!
As we say, "Yes Lord, I believe" . . . God is glorified!
As we say, "Yes Lord, I will share the spark You have placed within me" . . . God is glorified!
As we say, "Yes Lord, I will hold your people in my heart" . . . God is glorified!
Let all under heaven glorify the Lord!

Rev. Jane I. Hillman
Friedens UCC
Troy, IL

SEMINARY SUNDAY

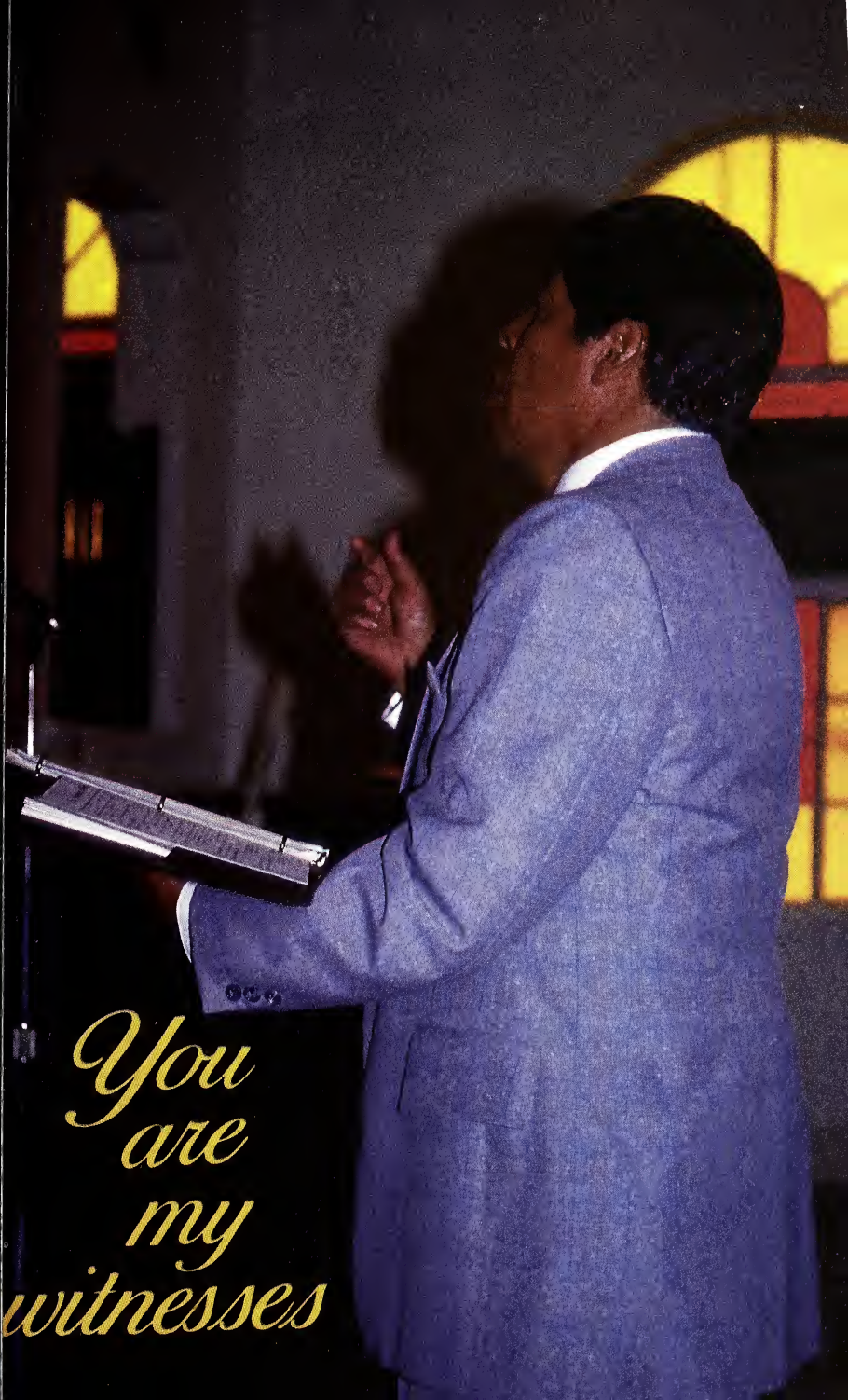
The lesson today from St. John makes it clear that the Christian faith is a process of envisioning a new world. It is a world where men and women have come to know God, and in knowing God, live in God's love. This explains why the church has and needs theological education. As Christians we need to envision a new world—not the one we know all too well. We need to be clear about what it means to know God. Above all, we need to be formed by the love of God.

The United Church of Christ has seven closely-related seminaries dedicated to preparing women and men to see the world for what it can be in the love of Christ. They are: Andover Newton Theological School, Bangor Theological Seminary, Chicago Theological Seminary, Eden Theological Seminary, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Pacific School of Religion, and United Theological Seminary.

To change the world, one must first be changed in mind and heart. Our seminaries combine study, worship, and ministry. The seven schools rely on congregations for students, financial support, and prayers. With gratitude, we acknowledge the support and encouragement from congregations. Today we ask you to consider ways you and your congregation can support the seminaries of our church.

There are many things the church must do. One is to assure that we envision a new world in God's love. To do this, we need communities of memory and hope, working with churches to form a new generation for witness and service.

Dr. Peter Schmiechen
Lancaster Theological Seminary


You
are
my
witnesses

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ

May 30, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Rev. Arch Aitcheson, Pastor

Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus, Parish Associate

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti

Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist-Choirmaster

Pentecost Sunday

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PRELUDE *'Priere a Notre-Dame'* Leon Boellmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God* Daniel Iverson

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **verses 1 - 4** No. 202

"*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*" DUKE STEET

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: On the day of Pentecost they were all together in one place!

P: And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like the rush of a violent wind!

L: The Sound filled the entire place where they were sitting!

P: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages!

L: Gather close and seek spiritual blessings,

P: As a people loved and nurtured by that same Spirit

L: Let us unite our hearts in prayer . . .

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40: 1 - 8

Liturgist: George Troxler

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Corporate Prayer of Confession:

UNISON: God of gentleness and Creator of Peace, hear our prayers of confession. We celebrate Pentecost, but we often act and live as if the Holy Spirit were not a part of our lives. We adopt the ways of the world. We run from the ways of the Spirit. We are narrow-minded and judgemental. We want forgiveness, but we are not good at forgiving others. Awaken us, God, as you awakened the church folk on that first Pentecost. Forgive us and lead us in the way of Christ. Amen.
Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri**
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *Come, Holy Spirit* Loonis Mc Glahon
PERFORMED BY The Senior Choir

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses . . .)

CHILDRENS TIME "More than a Birthday!" Arch Aitcheson

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
The Call to Give Chris Harris
Offertory Anthem *Holy Spirit, Live in Me* Kirby/ Schrader
***Doxology**
*Offertory Prayer Matthew Woody

***HYMN OF FAITH** No. 416
"Christian, Arise and Act Thy Creed" INNOCENTS
Children may leave for the second hour program on verse 2

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 7: 37 - 39

SERMON *"Outpouring of Spirit!"* Rev. Arch Aitches

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF BLESSING** No. 418
"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" MARYTON

BENEDICTION
(please be seated)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(Tune: "Let us Break Bread Together")

Let us seek for the Spirit in our day!
Let us yearn for the Spirit every way!
Send the fire and the wind,
And bring peace to our world again
Enliven every Christian every day!

***POSTLUDE** *'Toccata from Suite Gothique'* Leon Boellmann

* Please Stand if you are able

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		4:00 p.m.	YETS
Mon.,	May 31		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues.,	June 1	7:00 p.m.	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Wed.,	June 2	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	June 3	7:30 p.m.	Long-Range Planning Committee
Sat.,	June 5	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Clean Up Day
		10:30 a.m.	Local Church Historians Southern Conference
Sun.,	June 6	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		8:00 p.m.	Evangelism Board

FUN AND ENRICHMENT FOLKS

A New Program for Adults . . .



DON'T MISS THIS EVENT! - Ethel Oakley, Deacon

It's Coming!
It is FUN. . .
It is ENRICHING!
It is for Adults!

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP!

- Katherine Floyd, Mission Board Chr.

There'll be TRAVEL to near and far points of interest.
There'll be time for fun and fellowship.
There'll be meals.
Special programs of interest for us all will be provided.

TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY!

-Arch Aitcheson, pastor

It will be NEW and IMPROVED!

Join us in making the new FUN and ENRICHMENT FOLKS something you will enjoy!

Start-up Meeting:
June 8, 1993
9:45 a.m.
In the Seeker's Classroom!

A REAL HIT! -Bill Andes, Pastor Emeritus

HERE'S A CHANCE TO TRAVEL AND HAVE FUN! - Estelle Perry Willard, Deacon

Please fill out the form below and telephone the Church Office if you can come!

_____tear off here _____

Fun and Enrichment Folks
Elon College Community Church

Name:_____ Phone_____

___ I'll be there on June 8, 1993 at 9:45.

___ I can't be there this time, but keep me posted about future events.

___ I'd like more information.

Put this in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the Church Office
P.P.Box 625 Elon College, NC 27244-0625

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 30, 1993

Isaiah 44:8

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The promise that God made to the children of Israel in the Old Testament is the same as the promise Jesus makes to anyone who would follow him in the New Testament: "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). And the charge to Christ's disciples in Acts (1:8) is the same as that given to Israel in Isaiah (44:8): "You are my witnesses!"

This is the covenant that binds humans to their creator and redeemer: because I am faithful to you, you will testify to my love in words and deeds.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible teaches that keeping the covenant means worshiping God and following Jesus not singly but in community. The church is the body of Christ—the fellowship of witnesses to the saving work of the Lord.

The reading from Acts 2:1-21 for this day emphasizes the corporate nature of our relationship with God. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled not one but all those who had gathered with Peter in Jerusalem.

Today, the anniversary of that miraculous event, we reaffirm our conviction that the covenant binds the whole Christian community, not merely the individual Christian.

Pentecost, the birthday of the church, also provides us a once-a-year opportunity to strengthen the church. Through our gifts to the United Church of Christ all-church offering of that name, we help maintain our part of the covenant.

The Strengthen the Church offering puts our gifts to work in specific ways. Part of every dollar goes to support pastoral leadership for new and revisioned congregations during their first critical years. Without these resources, how can we expand the covenant? Another part of every dollar goes to support Faith Works 94, the five-day United Church of Christ gathering for worship and education, inspiration and community. Without this all-church event, how can we renew the covenant? Still another part of every dollar goes to support ministries specifically by and for women. Without a more inclusive church, how can we make the covenant relevant?

Strengthen the Church is not dedicated to assuring the future of the United Church of Christ for its own sake. Self-preservation is not the purpose of our existence as a covenanting communion. This "thank offering" is consecrated to bearing witness to God's love, through Jesus Christ, in every word and deed. That is the purpose of our existence as a covenanting communion.

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Marie Acquilano and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes today

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PRELUDE "Adoration" Richard Purv

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*HYMN OF PRAISE No.
"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

CALL TO WORSHIP
L. God, who has displayed awesome power, welcome us;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of God.
P. The work of God is done in faithfulness;
God loves righteousness and justice.
L: Stand in awe before the counsel of God;
there is one God who speaks and disciplines.
P: God has chosen us as a heritage; we will
proclaim God's statutes and commandments.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 13:5-1

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
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Corporate Prayer of Confession:

UNISON: Ever-present God, we have ignored your presence and denied your power. We have doubted rather than trusting you. We have complained when we should have

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u summon us to community concern. We have kept
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LLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses...)

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E GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20

RMON "The Test of Christianity" Rev. Arch Aitcheson

AYER OF REDEDICATION

CRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . .

mmunion Prayer
God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, O God our Creator. From the womb of your being you brought forth worlds. Into mere dust you blew the breath of life, creating women and men to bear your likeness in the world. You create, love, and care for all that is. We praise and thank you, nurturing God, that in Jesus you bring joy and hope to loving hearts, and offer health and power to human relationships. Even the powers of sorrow and death could not contain Christ's joy. From the tomb our risen Savior came to share bread again among the beloved. In the glory of your banquet hall, Christ prepares a wedding feast for all the faithful who even now praise you.

P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Communion today will be by intincture. Break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup before eating.

Those who are unable to visit a communion station may remain seated. Deacons will bring the elements to the pew.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us Pray.

ALL: Thank you, O God, for refreshing us at your table. By your grace you have nourished us with the living presence of Christ, the bread of life, that we may share life together. Send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to give ourselves in love until your entire human family is gathered at your table, glorifying and praising you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF BLESSING No. 218
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

BENEDICTION
(Please be seated)

ENEDICTION RESPONSE "Father, Give Thy Benediction"
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OSTLUDE "Thanksgiving" Richard Purvis

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		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		4:00 p.m.	Executive Board of Women's Fellowship
		8:00 p.m.	Evangelism Board
Mon.,	June 7	6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Dinner
Tues.,	June 8	9:45 a.m.	Fun and Enrichment Folks
		6:00 p.m.	Shelter Overnight
Wed.,	June 9	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	June 10	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Club
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Fri.,	June 11	9:45 a.m.	UCC Worship on Council on Higher Education
		6:00 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sat.,	June 12	2:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry Council Retreat
Sun.,	June 13	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Middle Highs and YETS
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Ed

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/TRINITY

JUNE 6, 1993

2 Corinthians 13:13

Farewells define the season. School years culminate in graduation; separate lives mingle into marriage; families move away. After the festivities fade, how shall we go forth into an unfamiliar world? Go with grace, said Paul, for all of our efforts, failed and fruitful, are finally gathered up behind us in the hands of God. Go with love before you, for only love can cast aside our fear. Go in fellowship with the Spirit within you who forges the way. "Go forth," Jesus echoes, for "I am with you until the end of time."

Rev. Susan Virginia Hull
Circular Congregational Church
Charleston, SC

ENVIRONMENTAL SABBATH

"All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all."

But now one of God's creatures, homo sapiens, threatens to destroy them all.

That's what the biodiversity crisis is all about.

Biological diversity refers to the world's species of plants and animals, as well as their habitats.

Destroy the habitat, scientists say, and you destroy the species.

At the rate that humans are logging and burning tropical forests, for example, the world is losing fifty species a day.

"Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings."

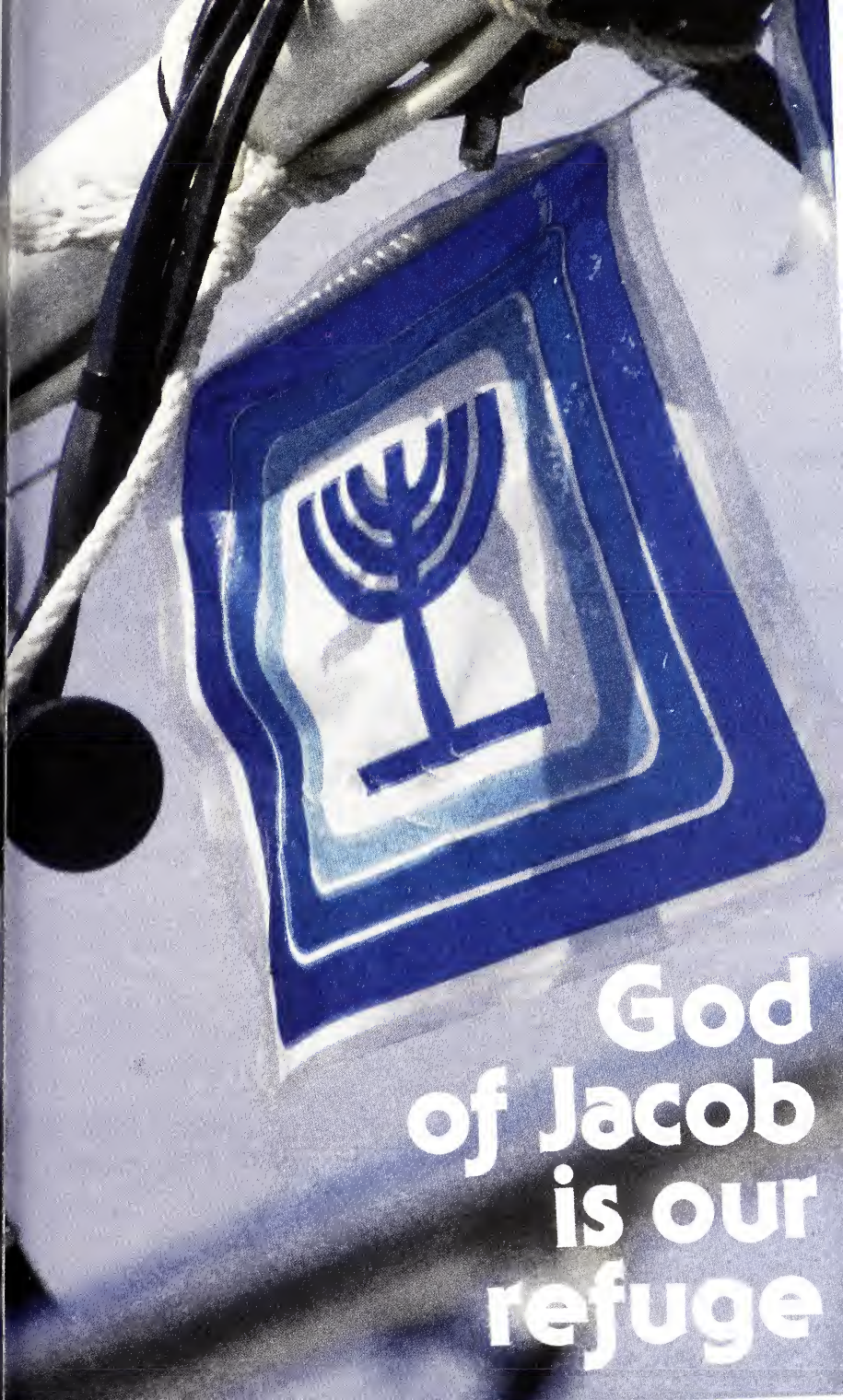
Fifty kinds of flowers or insects, birds, fish or, yes, mammals a day are lost.

Not only the bright and beautiful ones, but also the useful ones.

Tropical plants have given us medicines for high blood pressure, Hodgkin's disease, childhood leukemia, glaucoma, and malaria.

What if the cure for cancer or AIDS were lost in the destruction of a rainforest?

A sobering subject for thought on this Environmental Sabbath.


God
of Jacob
is our
refuge

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PRELUDE *'Clair De Lune'* Louis Vierns

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
"*Morning Has Broken*" No. 38
BUNESSAN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: The freshness of the new day awakens us to a new callin
P: The God of the first morning gathers us in praise!
L: The sunlight and the morning belong to us!
P: The God of Love offers us the refreshing of Christ's Light!
L: So, let us worship God as we start a new day,
P: Praising our Creator in the name of Jesus, who gives us new life!
L: Let us pray . . . (Congregation seated, please.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 46
Liturgist: Brian Rose

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Corporate Prayer of Confession:

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UNISON: You call us to be followers of Christ, O God of Mercy. You summon us to care for the many who are lost or abandoned. In Christ, you teach us to love friends and enemies, to pray for those who persecute us, and to lift up the broken lives of the forgotten and lonely. We often fail at that ministry, God. We are so caught up in our own selfish desires that we forget that being a Christian requires calling and commitment to the one who touched the lives of all. Forgive us. Refresh us in our covenant with you and with the One we claim as Savior. For we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope everlasting. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'Shall We Gather At the River?'* John Carter

PERFORMED BY The Senior Choir

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN TRAVEL AND SERVICE FOR 1993

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SERVICE ON THE INSERT

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses . . .)

CHILDREN'S TIME *"More than a Follower!"*

An Echo Pantomime by Arch Aitcheson

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

During the Offering Time PLEASE pass the Friendship Ritual Folders in your pew. DO PRINT your name, address and phone number whether you are a visitor or a member of the church. Pass the folder back down the pew so that you may get better acquainted with one another.

The Call to Give — Sarah Hemphill
Offertory Anthem *'Prelude on "Sweet Hour"'* — Gordon Young
***Doxology**
*Offertory Prayer — Meg Wilkins

***HYMN OF FAITH** — No. 353
"Lord I Want to Be A Christian" — AMERICAN SPIRITUA
Children may leave for the second hour program on verse 2

THE GOSPEL LESSON — **Matthew 9: 35 to 10:8**

SERMON *"Discipleship"* — Rev. Arch Aitcheson

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF BLESSING** — No. 391
"Be Thou My Vision" — SLANE

BENEDICTION
(please be seated)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(Tune: "Lord I Want to Be A Christian")

Send us out to be your Servants, Loving Christ,
Loving Christ;
Send us forth to teach your People, In your name!
Grant us Peace,
Grant us Hope. . .
Send us forth, refreshed in Spirit,
Loving Christ!

***POSTLUDE** *'Prelude and Fugue in C Major'* — J.S. Bach

* Please Stand if you are able

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

Youth Experience in Travel and Service
Appalachia Service Project for 1993

INTRODUCTION **Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus**

COMMISSIONING **Rev. Archie B. Aitcheson**
Dr. Jeff Wilkins, Moderator

Pastor: Jesus sent out disciples to serve the "lost sheep" of the country. They left their families and their home communities to bring hope and the Good News of Christ to brothers and sisters near and far.

Moderator: You, the members of the YETS program of this Church, are called by Christ to represent this fellowship. Your hands and hearts become the tools of God as you work to build and restore homes, and as you provide healing and hope to the folk of the West Virginian Appalachian Mountains.

Pastor: Robin, as a minister of Jesus Christ, you are sent out to lead these young adults as a leader and a spiritual guide. Your witness to them and to the people of Appalachia offers all the opportunity of Christian fellowship and worship.

Moderator: Will each of you endeavor to treat one another and the people with whom you work with the utmost of dignity and Christian respect?

Youth and Robin: **WE WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP!**

Pastor: Will you allow God's Spirit to work through you in your labors and fellowship?

Youth and Robin: **WE WILL, WITH CHRIST'S HELP!**

Moderator: Will you serve this congregation as representatives of Christ in all that you say and do while serving in this mission?

Youth and Robin: **WE WILL, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Pastor: Will you the members of The Elon College Communit United Church of Christ recognize this mission and support it by your prayers and blessing?

CONGREGATION: **WE RECOGNIZE OUR PASTOR AND YOUH AS THEY ACCEPT THE CALL TO CHRIST TO SERVE HIM IN THIS MISSION.**
WE COVENANT TO PRAY FOR THEM AND TO GIVE THEM OUR BLESSING AND SUPPORT AS THEY SERVI OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN APPALACHIA.

Moderator: Go forth, with our blessings and prayers. Bring hope and God's love to all you meet on our behalf. May God guide and guard you in your travel, work and play as the new ambassadors for Christ in the world. Come back to us and tell the story of your mission. Remember that our love and Christ's love goes with yo!

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to Roberta Starr for her years of service as church office secretary by Earl and Verona Danieley.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

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Thurs.,	June 17	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Club

Thurs., June 17 - Sat., June 19 Southern Conference Annual Meeting, Hampton, Virginia.

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JUNE 13, 1993

Psalm 46:7

In this remarkable Psalm of trust, God is near. And over and again that refrain is sung in the confidence and quiet hope echoed by those who find every good reason to trust a God who is close. For the greatness of the God of Jacob consists not in being remote but in the very opposite–the prophetic news that the glory of God fills the earth at every turn, that God is a stronghold, that God assaults the nations with justice and mercy, that God will not abandon us. Those who find refuge in God surely find a new future!

Rev. David W. Brune
Zion UCC
Union, MO

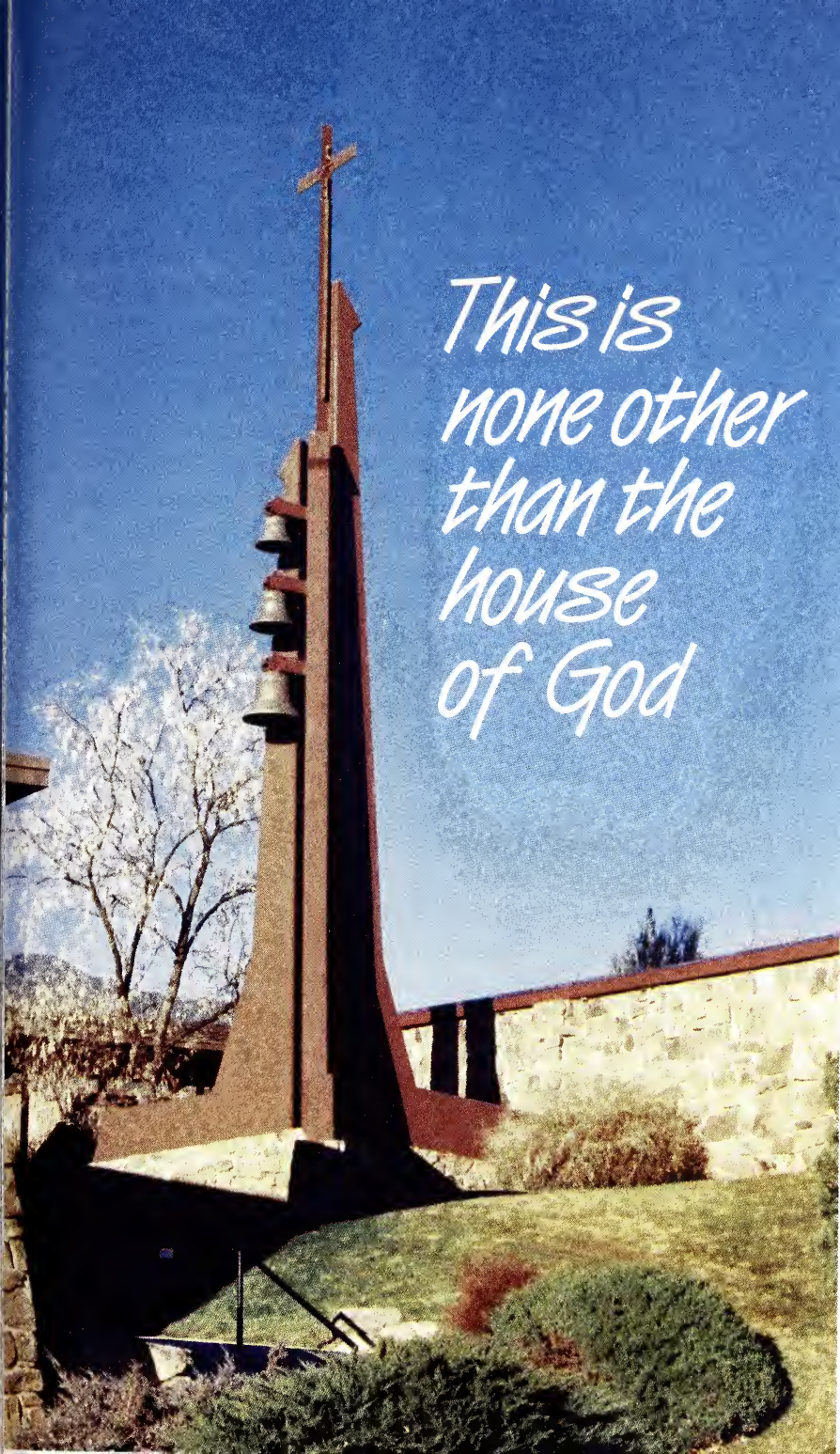
PRESERVING TRADITION IN TIMOR

Christian overseas missionaries have sometimes been accused of destroying the indigenous cultures of the people with whom they minister. Nothing could be farther from the purpose of a new research project recently designed and supervised by Dr. John Campbell-Nelson. Along with his wife, Karen, and their family, John served in Timor, one of the 13,500 islands that make up the archipelago of Indonesia. The Campbell-Nelson family's presence there made visible the relationship between our United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Christian Church of Timor. Their work was supported by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

John taught pastoral theology on the faculty of Artha Wacana Christian University in Kupang. His research project was designed to preserve traditional Timorese religious rituals linked to agriculture and the land. Under John's direction, young Timorese pastors interviewed rural village elders, the only remaining keepers of the age-old traditions of the island. These researchers recorded traditional prayers for rain, blessing of the seed, and consecration of a new garden.

Their findings will not only be preserved for posterity, but also analyzed to provide the basis for Christian liturgies serving the same needs as the old rituals. As John says, "It is unthinkable to Timorese farmers not to pray for rain to give life to their crops. Yet Christianity does not provide them with rain prayers."

John Campbell-Nelson's project could have another result, too. Every day in Timor, as in so much of the world, young people abandon their villages for an uncertain future in the cities. By encouraging new pastors to care about the rural life traditions of their land, the project may also help stem the fateful tide of rural poor toward the already overtaxed cities.


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PRELUDE *'Variation on All Glory Be to God on High'* G.Edm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *'Jesus, Be Present Now'* Dave Perry

***HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 246
"*Come, Thou Almighty King*" ITALIAN HY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: The God who loves us brings us together.
P: God unfolds the secrets of the ages in Christ.
L: We are nurtured, challenged, and encouraged.
P: Christ teaches us of our value in God's sight,
L: As we worship the God who blesses us daily.
P: Let us praise God in song and prayer,
L: As we offer Thanksgiving for God's presence.
Let us pray . . . (Congregation seated, please.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Geneis 28: 10
Liturgist: Eileen McKe

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Litany of Confession:

L: Let us confess our sins before God.
God of truth, we are often dishonest and cruel.
P: God, have mercy upon us and reform us!
L: We are spiteful and greedy . . .
P: God, forgive us and change us!
L: We are cruel and vengeful . . .
P: God, free us from ourselves!
L: We refuse love to our brothers and sisters . . .
P: God, soften our hearts and teach us to care!
L: We are unfaithful to Christ's mission . . .
P: God, redirect our ways according to your Spirit!
L: Lord, we seek your forgiveness and want to change!
P: God, renew us and challenge us by your Word!
L: We seek reconciliation with you and with each other.
P: God, forgive us and grant us a fresh start in Christ.
L: For we ask it in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
P: Amen.

Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri**
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'Let There Be Peace On Earth'* William Stickles
PERFORMED BY The Senior Choir, Tom Conally, soloist

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses . . .)

CHILDREN'S TIME *"Being a Father . . . or Mother"*
by Arch Aitcheson

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give — Elizabeth Mayse
Offertory Anthem *'This Is My Father's World'* V.D. Thompson
***Doxology**
*Offertory Prayer — Lydia Troxler

***HYMN OF FAITH** — No. 263
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" — REGENT SQUARE
Children may leave for the second hour program on verse 2

THE GOSPEL LESSON — **Matthew 10: 24 - 33**

SERMON *"The Death of A Christian"* — Rev. Arch Aitch

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF BLESSING** — No. 313
"My God, I love Thee" — ABBEY

BENEDICTION *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* — John Rutter
Liturgical Dance by Joy Aitcheson

***POSTLUDE** *'Prelude in C Minor'* — J.S. Bach

* Please Stand if you are able

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell, Mrs. Ann Matthews, Dr. Fred S. Caddell, and Mr. Kenneth Hughes by Mrs. Kenneth Hughes and family.

Child Care during worship today: Kim Perry and Marie Acquilano. Next week: Marie Wilkins and Amy Rose.

Nursery today: Susan Hemphill and Lydia Troxler. Next week: Jimma Causey and Shannon Albertson.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	June 20	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		5:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Mon.,	June 21	7:30 p.m.	All Boards/Committees Planning Meeting
Tues.,	June 22	6:30 p.m.	Allied Churches Dinner St. Mark's Church
Wed.,	June 23	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs.,	June 24	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Club
Fri.,	June 25	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

HAVE YOU
REGISTERED YOUR
CHILD IN
RAINBOWS AND PROMISES
1993?
IF NOT,
WHY ARE YOU WAITING?
Registration Forms are
In the Church Office!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 1993

Genesis 28;17

Jacob, fleeing the murderous intentions of his brother, stops in a seemingly insignificant place for a night's rest. Upon entering the mysterious world of dreams, Jacob has a powerful and life-changing experience of God's presence and promise. When he awakens, Jacob is filled with awe. In what mysterious, unsuspecting ways and places is God waiting to welcome us home?

Rev. Mary Baard
Shepherd of the Hills Congregational Church
Phoenix, AZ

OUR CHURCH IS ONLY THIRTY-SIX YEARS OLD

Most of the congregations in which we gather to worship this morning are older than the United Church of Christ. When many of our local churches celebrate an anniversary, it's likely to be the one-hundredth, the two-hundredth, or even the three-hundredth!

The United Church of Christ, however, is only thirty-six years old.

For institutions, if not necessarily for people, there is validation in longevity. We venerate old colleges, old clubs, even old companies.

The United Church of Christ, however, is only thirty-six years old.

Old congregations, old colleges, old clubs, and even old companies often rest on their laurels. They do not have to "prove" themselves, or justify their existence.

The United Church of Christ, however, is only thirty-six years old.

Our denomination may be short on years, but that is not necessarily a liability. With its limited history, the United Church of Christ may be better able to embrace its unlimited, God-given destiny.

Whether it does depends upon the congregations that covenant with the associations, conferences, and national bodies of the United Church of Christ. Our Church's Wider Mission begins with our six thousand local churches.

No matter how old they are, or how unique their history, these congregations are called to embrace our common United Church of Christ ministry through generous support of Our Church's Wider Mission.


We
have been
united

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
June 27, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Rev. Arch Aitcheson, Pastor
Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus, Parish Associate
Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti
Ms. Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
"*God Himself is With Us*" No. 3
ARNSBERG

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Welcome one another in the name of Jesus Christ!
P: Let us receive each other as friends in his name!
L: Receive one another in the name of God, your Creator!
P: Let us honor one another as a people free by God's grace!
L: Gather together in the spirit of worship!
P: Let us praise God, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit!
L: Let us pray . . .

(Congregation seated, please.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 10: 40 - 42**
Liturgist: Ellie Ketcham

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Gentle and Merciful God, who knows as as we are, and calls us to become what we should be, hear our prayers of confession. We know that we let you down by our behavior. We know that we say things that do not reflect our Christian beliefs. We are aware that we make decisions that hinder your work in our world. Please do forgive us. By your grace may we rediscover the courage of faith, the assurance of love and the commitment to service in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri
*Passing the Peace
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses . . .)

CHILDREN'S TIME *"Song for a Friend and Helper"*
by Arch Aitcheson

RECOGNITION OF THE MINISTRY OF ROBERTA STARR
Introduction
Presentation
Prayer

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give
Offertory Anthem
***Doxology**
*Offertory Prayer — Elizabeth Mayse

***HYMN OF FAITH** — No.227
"Fairest Lord Jesus" — Schonster Herr Jesu

The Children will take up a special "Pennies Offering" once again in support of World and Homeland Missions. Pocket Change of all denominations is welcome!

Children may leave for the second hour program on ver

THE EPISTLE LESSON — **Romans 6: 3 - 11**

SERMON *"Freedom . . ."* — Rev. Arch Aitches

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF BLESSING** — No. 366
"God of Grace and God of Glory" — CWM RHONDA

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

* Please Stand if you are able

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Della Luke and Rod Hemphill who were married here yesterday.

Child Care during worship today: Marie Wilkins and Amy Rose. Next Week: Karen Worst and Elizabeth Mayse.

Nursery today: Shannon Albertson and Jimma Causey. Next Week: Nora Griswold and Amy Rose.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	June 27	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.-Fri.,	June 28-July 2		RAINBOWS AND PROMISES
Wed.,	June 30	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri.,	July 2	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 27, 1993

Romans 6:5

The seeds, planted so carefully earlier this spring, are now mature plants, bursting forth with bright blossoms. In Paul's eyes, all life begins with a death, just as those seeds were buried in the ground. Planted in Christ's death, we now come to life. As a single plant, we grow together with Christ. Our life now, through the dynamic mercies of God, is to grow into the new humanity we were intended to become: a forgiven people, free to blossom in love-grounded, life-giving service to all the world.

Rev. Rodger Kube
Country Club Congregational UCC
Kansas City, MO

"SOJOURNER IN A FOREIGN LAND"

This morning's scriptural theme, on the front cover, has an obvious application to mission. A generation ago, we would have immediately applied it to the North American overseas missionary. What more appropriate example of a temporary resident in a foreign land?

Today, however, that theme applies equally to the overseas partner who takes up temporary residence amongst us.

Thinking of our overseas partners as missionaries requires some adjustment on our part. After all, we think of ourselves as Christians. Why would we need missionaries?

Being a Christian is not a fixed position, however; it is a never-ending journey. Our pilgrimage of faith includes encounters with other Christians from different cultures and the sharing of our respective stories. Our overseas partners have stories to share with us, and once we accept that, our faith will grow in hearing them.

Thinking of the United States as a foreign land may require some adjustment on our part, too. We sometimes assume the "American way of life" is something that everybody on earth aspires to. Who could think of the USA as a "foreign land"?

Being an American seems normal only to Americans. Even people who immigrate to the United States often find it very hard to think of themselves as Americans. The overseas partners amongst us feel very much like sojourners in a foreign land, and once we accept that, we can help them in their mission.

World ministries in the United States is still a new concept—one that deserves our understanding and needs our support through Our Church's Wider Mission.

She named him Moses



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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti
Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist-Choirmaster
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE *'Prelude on "Battle Hymn"'* Herbert Colvi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN FOR THE NATION** No. 437
"*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*" AMERICA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Sweet freedom's song is a fragile gift . . .
P: May we be respectful and responsible with God's gift!
L: Liberty is an awesome treasure, seldom realized . . .
P: May we recognize and cherish the liberty God has offered
L: The holy light of freedom is threatened by dark chaos . . .
P: May we let the Light of Christ shine that all may be free!
L: Let us offer humble prayers and thankful praise to God for the freedom which has blessed us in Jesus Christ!
Let us pray . . . (Congregation seated, please.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 1: 6-14; 22 - 2:1
Liturgist: Richard Rinker

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Litany of Confession:

)n this Independence Day let us confess our sins before God.
iod, Author of Liberty and Creator of Freedom,
Ve have been an unfaithful people in a land that is so blessed.
Ve take what we have for granted, and we worship what
ve have!
Ve are daily blessed by opportunities, but we complain about
nissed goals.
Ve enjoy the vast resources of a rich land, but ignore the cries
f hunger from other nations.
We like being free; we assert our independence, but we deny
)thers freedom and justice.
Awaken us, O God, that we might see the folly of our ways!
Move us, O Christ, that we might open freedom's door to all!
Challenge us, O Spirit, to become a nation that truly is under
he direction of God!
For we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ who brought to us
:he ultimate gift of freedom.
Amen.

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The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

THEM *'American Trilogy'*
RFORMED BY Ray Covington, soloist

LOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses . . .)

LDREN'S TIME
"More Than Flag Waving . . .Awesome Responsibility"
by Arch Aitcheson

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give — Kim Acquilano

Offertory Anthem *'Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn'*
Lee Hastings Bristol,Jr.

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer — Claire Welborn

***HYMN OF FAITH**

"*We Shall Overcome!*" — SPIRITUAL

1. We shall overcome! We shall overcome!
   We shall overcome some day.
   Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
   That we shall overcome some day!
2. We'll walk hand in hand! We'll walk hand in hand!
   We'll walk hand in hand some day.
   Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
   That we shall overcome some day!
3. We shall all be free! We shall all be free!
   We shall all be free some day!
   Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
   That we shall overcome some day!
4. We shall know God's peace! We shall know God's peace!
   We shall know God's peace some day!
   Oh deep in my heart I do believe
   That we shall overcome some day!

Children may leave for the second hour program on verse

THE GOSPEL LESSON — **Matthew 11: 25 - 30**

SERMON — *"Out of Slavery . . .Hope!"* Rev. Arch Aitcheson

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham by the family.

Lemonade will be served on the front lawn after worship this morning.

Circle 2 will meet on Monday, July 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sibyl White.

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Florance Smith.

Child care during worship today: Karen Worst and Elizabeth Mayse. Next week: Cile Welborn and Julie Brown.

Nursery today: Nora Griswold and Amy Rose.
Next week: Patsy Oliver and Shannon Albertson.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

...,	July 4	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
...,	July 7	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		2:00 p.m.	Middle and Senior Highs at Aitchesons
		8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
rs.,	July 8	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
.,	July 9	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

CRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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ayer of Consecration

eaking Bread and Sharing the Cup

ayer of Thanksgiving

e method of communion is by intincture. Come forward as ushers direct
u to receive the communion. Take a piece of bread and dip it into
e chalice, then return to your seat. Those who cannot come forward
l be served by a deacon team at the pew.

MN OF BLESSING No. 313

God, I love Thee" ABBEY

EDICTION

STLUDE *'Fanfare on "Austrian Hymn"'* Gordon Young

* Please Stand if you are able

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 1993

Exodus 2:10

AN AMERICAN MOSES

When George Washington died in 1799, our young nation acknowledged the loss of its founding leader in public eulogies delivered from Charleston to Boston. Tributes by Southern statesmen and clergy compared Washington with the great figures of classical antiquity. But in New England, pastors and teachers drew their parallels from the Old Testament. George Washington, in their view, was the American Moses.

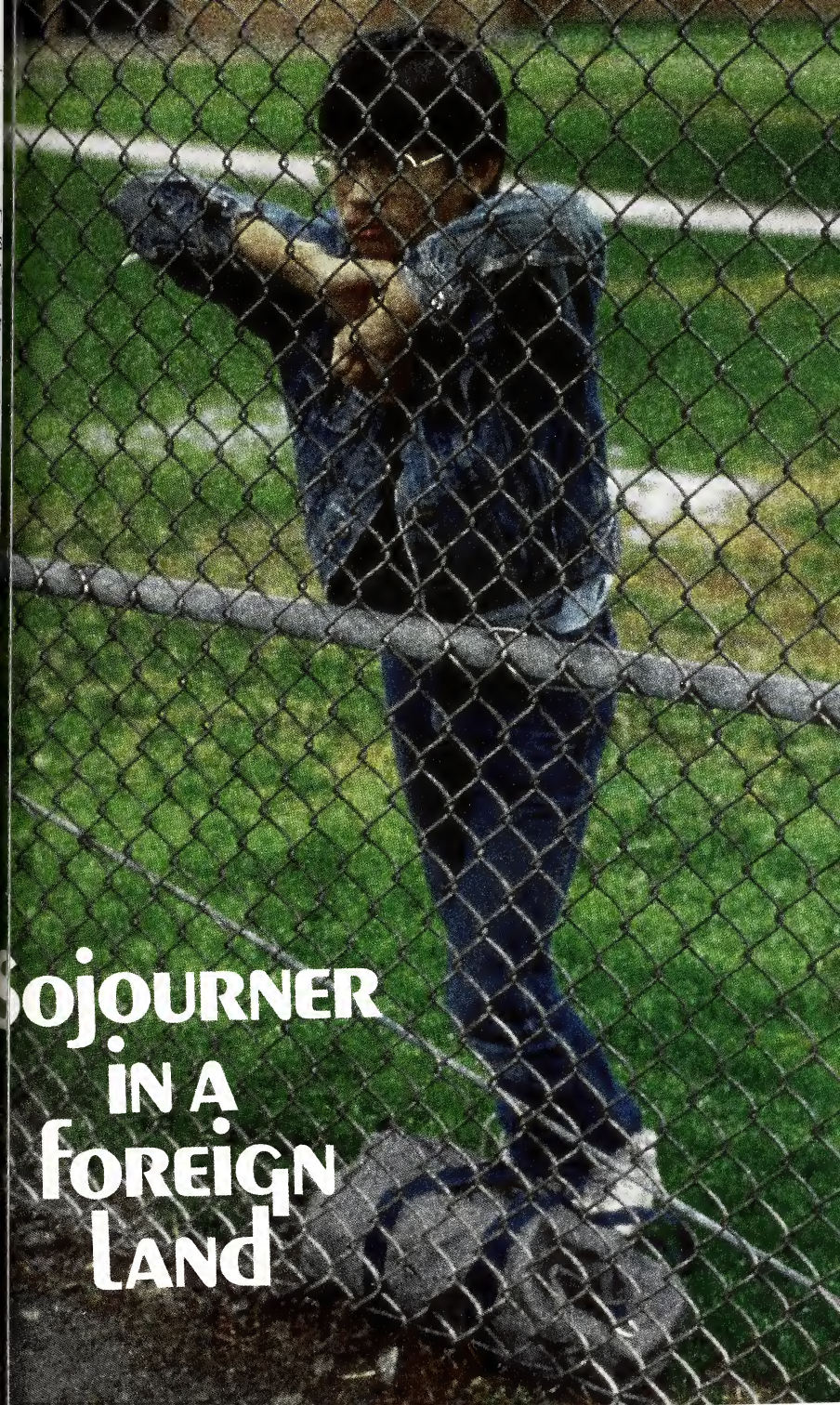
From the beginning, we Americans have been tempted to read our own history in the pages of scripture. Nowhere has that tendency been more marked than in New England, the land of our Congregational forebears. The Puritans viewed themselves as God's chosen people. They were the New Israel and Boston the New Jerusalem.

It should come as no surprise, on this two hundred and seventeenth anniversary of Independence, that the same New Englanders who lit the fuse of Revolution compared the man who led them to freedom with the biblical Moses. Fierce patriots readily saw the parallels between the two leaders. Both were born into "slavery" under foreign rulers. Both rose to positions of privilege under their alien masters. Yet neither forgot his loyalty to those from whom he was descended. Eventually, both led their people out of bondage and established independent nations. (Unlike other Virginia patriot leaders, Washington cannot be accused of limiting his definition of freedom to white settlers. Before his death, he freed all of his slaves.)

The Bible testifies to the compelling religious faith of Moses. He was the moral lawgiver as well as the political leader of Israel. But what about George Washington?

One of the most indelible popular images of the "Father of our Country" portrays him kneeling at prayer in wintry Valley Forge. We owe that portrait not to history but to the same inventive imagination that gave us the cherry tree legend, Parson Weems. George Washington did not lead prayers before battle. Washington kept his personal faith largely private. Like most Virginians, he was an Episcopalian. But his faith was no more exclusive than his politics. Washington respected all religions, and worshiped in the churches of many, including Catholics, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Lutherans, and Dutch Reformed.

Unlike his Biblical counterpart, our American Moses lived to see the Promised Land. He presided at the Constitutional convention and then served as president of the federal union it devised. He could have even been crowned its sovereign for life. But his own republican convictions restrained him. Surely George Washington's greatest gift of all to liberty was his willingness to surrender the power he had been granted by his fellow citizens.


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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist-Choirmaster
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE *'Jesus, Priceless Treasure'* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF ADORATION** No. 19
'Praise the Lord, His Glories Show' LLANFAIR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Christ came to plant seeds of truth. . . .
P: Lord, let your truth grow in us and change us!
L: Christ planted seeds of God's love in our midst . . .
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P: Lord, grow God's love in us that we might make a difference!
L: Christ nurtured the seeds of the Gospel to grow in us . . . .
P: Lord, let us hear the Word and proclaim it!
L: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ,
P: And let the Spirit grow and blossom in our midst!
L: Let us pray . . . (Congregation seated, please.)

INTROIT: *'Great Art Thou'* Alice Jordan

DEDICATION OF THE NEW LECTURN BIBLE
Presented in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. G.O. Lankford

L: The Word of God has been written and recorded in many languages and in many translations throughout history. Each brings the intervention of the Holy Spirit and a renewed and fresh look at the constant and faithful truth of God's Word. The New Revised Standard Version is one of the newest attempts to bring the scriptures to the human community. We are blessed that a new Lecturn Bible has been presented in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. G. O. Lankford, who served in the ministry of The Christian Church for so many years. Truly, the gift is an appropriate way to remember their advocacy of God's Word and the Gospel in their ministry. Let us dedicate this volume of Holy Scripture before God.

Let us pray . . .

UNISON: God, who spoke with your human creatures and was ever present in human history, we present this Lecturn Bible to the worship and service of your church. May the words of its pages be enriched by our reading and understanding. May the Good News read from its pages be a beacon to lives that need new direction and hope. May we bear witness to the Truths and the Love of this sacred volume as we live out its messages to us for today and for always. We present this Bible to your glory, God our Creator, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

L: So be it! We give thanks to Eugene and Kathleen for this beautiful tribute and powerful witness.

Let us hear the word of God as read from our new Bible.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Exodus 2: 11 - 22**
Liturgist: Emily Woody

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: Lord, we hear your Word often. But we often forget that your Word is to be lived and proclaimed! We hear the Word and evil thoughts block our remembering. The Word often does not sink into our lives and is lost in our actions. The Word is put before us, but we let our own problems and worries prevent its growth. The Word sounds good to us, but our desire for the things of this world keep us from living that Word.
Sow good seeds of your Message in us, O God. Make of us 'good soil' for the Good News to grow! Let the Light of Christ and your love shine in our lives. For we ask it in Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri**
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'For The Beauty of the Earth'* John Rutter

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(TRESPASSES . . .)

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The Call to Give — Matt Mayse

Offertory Anthem *'Pastorale on "Fairest Lord Jesus"'* — G. Edmundson

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication — Brad Linde

CHILDREN'S TIME *'Sower Went Out to Sow . . .'* — Arch Aitcheson

chorus: SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED.
SING AMEN, AL-LE-LU!
SOWED THE WHEAT AMONG THE WEED,
AL-LE-LU!
SOME FELL AWAY AND SOME TOOK ROOT,
YIELDED A HUNDRED-FOLD OF FRUIT.
BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF THE LORD!

MUSIC & LYRICS BY M.T. WINTER

NOTE: **After the singing of the 'Sower' the children may leave for the second hour program.**

GOSPEL LESSON — **Matthew 13: 1-9; 18 -23**

SERMON *'Seeds, Seeds, Seeds . . . '* — Rev. Arch Aitcheson

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF LIFE** — No. 254
'Break Thou the Bread of Life' — BREAD OF LIFE

BENEDICTION **(PLEASE BE SEATED)**

POSTLUDE *'Where Cross the Crowded Ways'*
Garth Edmundson

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of their parents by Howard and Page Edgerton.

Child Care during worship today: Cile Welborn and Jaime Brown. Next week: Marie Wilkins and Amy Rose.

Nursery today: Ruth Cheek and Shannon Albertson. Next week: Janet Mayse and Amy Rose.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 11	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed., July 14	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 11, 1993

Exodus 2:22

To escape old Pharaoh's death sentence, Moses fled from Egypt to Midian, the "foreign land" in today's scriptural theme. But as sometimes happens, the fugitive prospered in this new place with his new identity. He married one of the local priest's daughters and managed his father-in-law's flock. It was a good life—until he was found out—not by Pharaoh, but by God. Told to return to Egypt to free his Hebrew people, a reluctant Moses protested and argued with God. You can get too comfortable being a "sojourner."

GENERAL SYNOD

Today, in St. Louis, Missouri, the Nineteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ is in session. General Synod is something many members and friends of the United Church of Christ do not know or understand.

The UCC General Synod is like the U.S. House of Representatives. It is composed of delegates chosen by the members of the Conferences, just as the House is composed of members chosen by the voters of the States. In both, representation is proportional to population.

Like the House of Representatives, the General Synod conducts its business in committees and on the floor of the body. General Synod's business is the work of the United Church of Christ, including providing for its financial support.

Unlike the House of Representatives, the General Synod nominates and elects the officers of the church's executive office. This week, the delegates in St. Louis will choose the President and the Director of Finance and Treasurer of the church.

Also unlike the House of Representatives, the General Synod meets only once every two years. That means the priorities it establishes, as well as the pronouncements, proposals for action, and other resolutions it adopts, set the direction for the national church for a two-year period.

The House of Representatives does not meet with other legislative bodies. But this General Synod, for the first time in our history, is holding joint meetings with the General Assembly of our partner Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).


we hope for what
we do not see

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
July 18, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Now Every Morning Is Thy Love'* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 7**
'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise' ST. DENIO

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Nothing can be compared to the glory God has planned!

P: We all stand on tiptoe longing for that glory!

L: Creation will be set free from the slavery of death and decay!

P: God will set our whole being free!

L: Let us praise God and in worship seek God's glory!

P: Let us rejoice in the promise of Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: Let us pray . . .(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8: 18 - 25
Liturgist: Louis Wilkins

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION

The Call to Confession

Our Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Lord, God, forgive us when we become a judgemental folk. We like being the best of your harvest. We often think that we are better than others. We label others by their deeds and their sinful ways. We forget to see our own failures and sinfulness. We are so busy pointing out the 'weeds' of the harvest that we destroy the 'wheat' of your harvest. Cleanse us from the evil ways that trouble your kingdom. Guide us in the ways of forgiveness and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'What A Friend We Have in Jesus'* G. Martin

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give David Brown

Offertory Anthem *'Interlude on Resignation'* Martin

***Doxology**
Offertory Prayer of Dedication — Matt Mayse

CHILDREN'S TIME *'A Sorting Problem!'* — A. Aitcheson

***HYMN OF FAITH** — **No. 269**
'I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord' — ST. THOMAS
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THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13: 24 - 30; 36 - 43

THE SERMON — Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'Weeds, Weeds, Weeds . . .'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** — **No. 245**
'Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me' — REDHEAD

CHORAL BENEDICTION
'God Bless You and Keep You' — Jay Althouse

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE
'Prelude and Fugue in D Minor' — J.S. Bach

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 18

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Youth Council Meeting
4:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

6:15 p.m. Youth baseball trip
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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7:00 p.m. Burlington area Men's Fellowship
Haw River United Church of Christ

FRIDAY, JULY 23

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anoymous

SATURDAY, JULY 24

2:00 p.m. Fun and Enrichment Folks Picnic
home of Rev. Arch and Liz Aitcheson

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YOUTH MINISTRY...

ere will be a youth outing on Wednesday, July 21. ease meet at the church at 6:15 **SHARP**! We will be ending a Burlington Indians Game.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 1993

Romans 8:25

With all creation we are subject to futility. Where is the glorious libert of God's children? Faithless grasping can receive nothing. Plantin seed is a hopeful act: the sprouting, rooting, growing, flowering bearing fruit—all are beyond our power and in the hand of God wh gives life to the seed. The Lifegiver pours into us daily the precious divine life and will satisfy us with good. God is our hope.

Rev. John Marcus Cox
Olivet Congregational UCC
St. Paul, MN

WORKING WELL

Do you remember American rural life before the advent of running water? Children who grew up on such farms surely recall the old iron pump, because they spent so much time working its handle! What joy when a water system with faucets was installed on the farm!

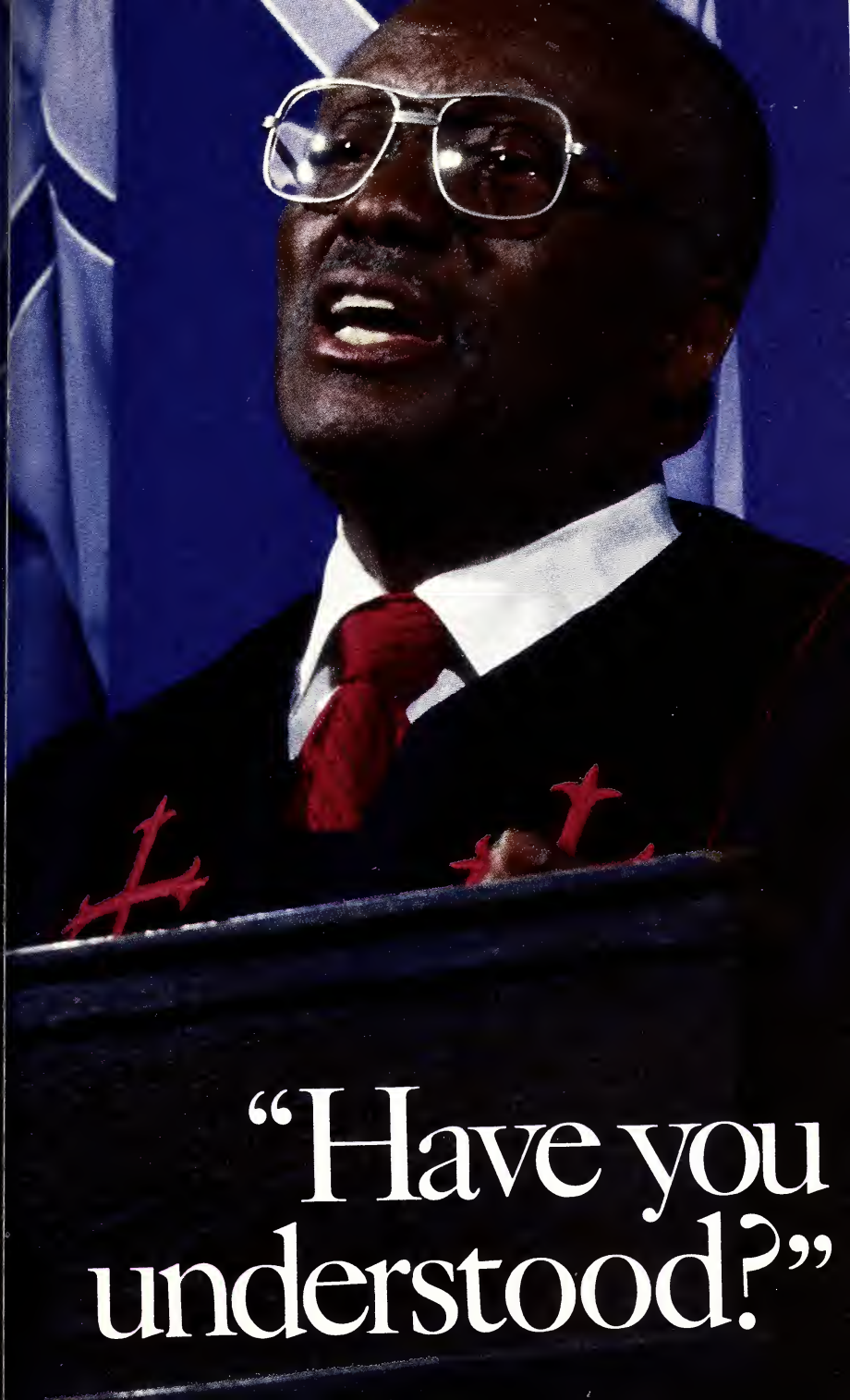
The same iron pump that some among us grew up to hate is an object of love in a southern African village. For as far back as anyone in Zimbabwe can remember, village women have walked to the nearest stream for water. Water for drinking. Water for cooking. Water for washing. In the dry season, the walk could be miles. And the stream could be stagnant and muddy.

Today, under the aegis of Christian Care, the service arm of our partner churches in Zimbabwe, hundreds of wells are being dug and bored across the country's northeastern highlands. Alongside the wells are "laundromats"—concrete bulwarks with compartments for soaking and rubbing clothes at the well site—and sanitary community toilets.

What joy when the Christian Care staff turn over ownership and maintenance of the newly completed iron pump to the village water committee they have mobilized and trained! The whole community turns out for the celebration, singing and dancing.

The women are the most exuberant of all. No more long treks to the riverbanks. No more muddy water to lug back to the village. No more need to boil every drop of water their family consumes.

An iron pump seems like such an ordinary thing. But in Zimbabwe it is a blessing, and we help make it possible with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.


"Have you
understood?"

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
July 25, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Hark, A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal'*
J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
'The Lord is In His Holy Temple' George Root

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 16**
'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven'

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Rejoice in the day that God has made for us!
P: Worship the God of Love and Grace!
L: Sing songs of praise and thanksgiving!
P: Seek the Spirit that brings hope and peace!
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 105: 1 - 11
Liturgist: Brian Rose

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION
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he Confession of Faith:

PASTOR: Dearly beloved, do you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and make him your example? Do you take for your rule of life the words of the Gospel: *You shall love God, your Creator, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself*?

RESPONSE: I do, with God as my helper!

PASTOR: Do you hold to the beliefs of the United Church of Christ and to the covenant of this church? Do you strive to witness to that faith in this fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ?

RESPONSE: I do, with God as my witness!

PASTOR: Let us all affirm our faith in God the three in one as we say in one voice the Statement of Faith that unites us in Christ!

UNISON: The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

(next page)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.[43]

PASTOR: I ask you now, in the presence of God and in the presence of this body of Christ, do you offer yourself to God's service without reservation? Do you seek to be a faithful and active member of this church? Ever mindful of the welfare of all members, do you promise to walk with them in faithfulness and Christian love? Do you covenant with God and this church to attend its services, to observe its sacraments, to share in its work, its support and its mission, as together we strive to make this a living body of Christ?

RESPONSE: I do, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

DEACON: I ask the congregation to please stand if possible to welcome our brothers and sisters into the fellowship of this church! Please join me in our words of welcome.

CONGREGATION: We, your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, gladly welcome you into this family of Christ at the Elon College Community Church. We invite you to share with us the hopes, the labors, the dreams and the joys of our ministry together. We promise to walk with you in Christian Love and Sympathy and to propmote, as far as in us lies, growth in the Spirit and life of Jesus Christ our Savior. May God keep us united in mission and faithful in the Spirit as we work for the realm of God which is everlasting.

Pastor and the Deacon extend the right hand of Christ's fellowship.

Presentation of Certificates and Scripture Verses

Introduction of Friendship Sponsors

Prayer of Blessing:

PASTOR: In joy and peace, we become one in Spirit a in mission. Help us to support one another and to learn from each other as we are led by Christ in service and faithfulness. In the name of God, the Creator, Christ the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are called to seek out a form of life together in which the pattern of the distinctively Christian affections is possible

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: God, we need your mercy and your love. We are often an unfaithful generation. We seek our own pleasure and prosperity over the promises of your kingdom. We hear the Word, but we live by our own desires. We know that we should be loving servants, but we are selfish and greedy. Forgive us, God of Life, by the promise of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Transform us into living witnesses to his love and your grace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'Sweet Hour of Prayer'* G. Martin

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Leigh Ann Batten

Offertory Anthem *'Prelude on Amazing Grace'* Young

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Hope Martin

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (Please follow insert.)

*HYMN OF FAITH — No. 272
'Blest Be The Tie That Binds' — DENNIS

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THE GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 13: 44 - 52

THE SERMON — Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'Parables, Parables, Parables'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** — **No. 260**
'The Church's One Foundation' — AURELIA

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE
'Fantasia in G Minor' — J.S. Bach

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9:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 26
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 27
7:30 p.m. Mission Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
8:00 a.m. Youth trip to Carowinds
9:00 a.m. Mothers Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 29
7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, JULY 30
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 1993
Matthew 13:51

Back in 1972 I gave up everything and everyone I knew to teach for a year in Germany. I received treasure of knowledge, experience, and new friends. Have we understood that to receive the treasure we often must give up what we know? As we venture forth to participate in the kingdom that moves steadily toward us, we move from our comfortable knowledge of our own lives into the risky knowledge of the promise of God.

Rev. Diane E. Windler
Ivy Chapel UCC
Chesterfield, MO

WHAT'S [NOT] IN A NAME

Names don't always reveal a lot. Take Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee, for example. Hidden behind that name is a long ministry of service by one of our predecessor denominations.

In 1909, Pastor Henry Niefer persuaded the pastors of the Wisconsin District of the Evangelical Synod of North America to establish a hospital in Milwaukee. They formed the Evangelical Deaconess Society to found and maintain a hospital for "benevolent, charitable, and educational purposes."

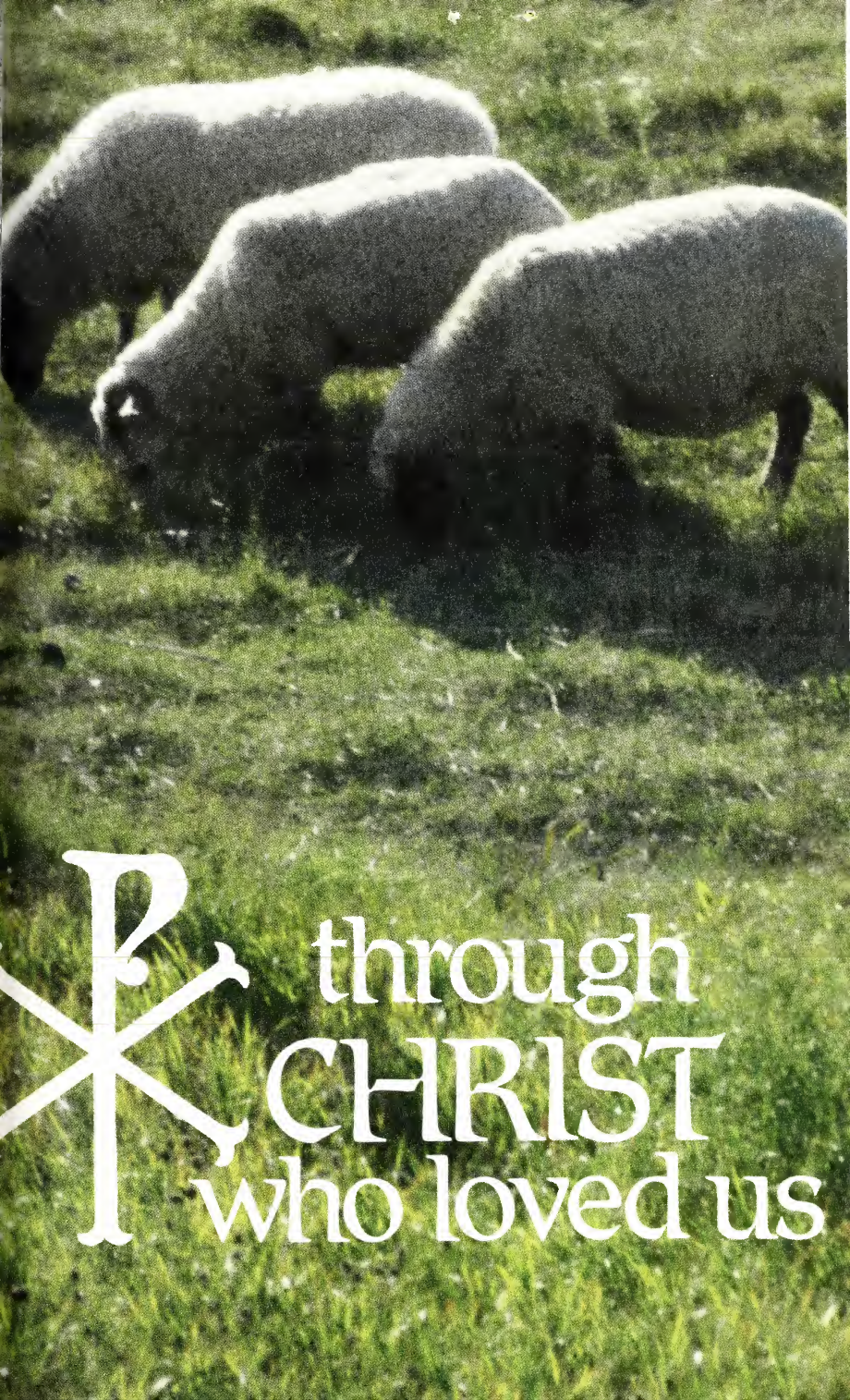
In 1910, the Society purchased and remodeled the home of a local physician and promptly admitted nine patients to the 15-bed Evangelical Deaconess Hospital. Members of area churches held bazaars and sewed pillow slips and sheets to support the new hospital.

Seven years later, a new four-story 50-bed hospital was dedicated. Also in 1917, the Evangelical Deaconess School of Nursing was organized, which graduated 1,746 skilled nurses before closing its doors in 1986.

Additions to the hospital facility in 1924 and 1954, along with remodeling projects, brought the bed count at Deaconess to nearly 300 by 1960. That decade the hospital installed the first cobalt treatment unit in Wisconsin. Open heart surgery in Milwaukee was also pioneered at Deaconess.

By the 1970s the days of unlimited hospital expansion were over, and discussions toward a merger with the nearby Lutheran Hospital of Milwaukee were concluded in 1980. Seven years later, the new institution, which was called Good Samaritan Medical Center, merged with Mount Sinai Medical Center, a few blocks away.

The name Sinai Samaritan may not say it, but the United Church of Christ is an integral part of the largest medical center in metropolitan Milwaukee.


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CHRIST
who loved us

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August 1, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
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PRELUDE *'Prelude on "Turn Back, O Man"'*
H. A. Matthews

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
'This I The Day' Hal Hopson

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 29**
'Now Thank We All Our God' NUN DANKET

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: It is in thanksgiving that we gather for worship.
P: Our songs and our prayers are filled with praise!
L: We give thanks for the constant love of God,
P: And for the assurance of Christ's presence!
L: Let us pray . . .(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8: 31 - 39
Liturgist: Marie Wilkins
MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

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'There's No Doubt About Christ's Love'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** — **No. 228**
'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' — BEECHER

BENEDICTION Please be seated

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

***THE POSTLUDE**
'Fugue in G Minor' — J.S. Bach

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Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: God of Mercy, forgive our imperfect lives You have heard our personal confessions. Show us the way to renewal and forgiveness. Forgive your Church when it has failed to serve faithfully. Show us the way of truth and justice. Make us agents of forgiveness and reconciliation. Open us to new missions that serve Christ in a needy world. Cleanse all believers of those things that hurt others and work against the glorious future you have planned for us. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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ANTHEM *'Devotion'* John Ness Beck

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Offertory Anthem *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain'* Virgina Thomas

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
8:00 p.m. Evangelism Board

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

10:30 p.m. Circle 1 Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 a.m. Mothers Morning Out
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

NO Breakfast Club until August 26!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 1, 1993

Romans 8:37

Following Jesus may be difficult in this "post-Christian" era, but it was downright dangerous in the pre-Constantinian era. The Christians of Rome in those days needed every assurance, and the Apostle Paul responded with words that we should never forget. "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

MISSION AND NATURAL DISASTERS

What effect do natural disasters have on mission in developing countries? When church buildings are damaged, and church members are made homeless by an earthquake or flood, we would probably expect rebuilding to consume all of their time and resources. But perhaps we underestimate the commitment to mission among our overseas partners.

In Jamaica, people still talk about Hurricane Gilbert. That 1988 tropical storm did more damage to the island than anything Jamaicans had known for fifty years.

Local churches were not spared, and insurance settlements never made up for the loss. Thus, members of our partner, the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman, had to reach deep into their own limited resources to repair their damaged church buildings. Our Jamaican sisters and brothers had every excuse to curtail their mission programs until their churches throughout the island had been restored.

But hunger doesn't go away, and homelessness actually increases, after a hurricane. Gilbert only reemphasized the need for church-supported food pantries, orphanages, clinics, and vocational training programs. And so the repairs had to be made in addition to, rather than in spite of, God's continuing medical, nutritional, and educational mission in Jamaica.

That's what anyone familiar with the United Church would have expected. Since its founding in 1940, the United Church has been dynamic in its witness and service to the West Indies and beyond. Indeed, today the church's outreach includes ministries in Canada, Korea, and the United Kingdom.

Our partnership with the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman offers an inspiring opportunity to get to know some committed Christians, as local church workcampers and conference delegations from the United States can testify.


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August 8, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE *'Prelude on "Nettleton"'*
Gerre Hancock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 68**
'I Sing the Mighty Power of God' ELLACOMBE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Consider the wonderful works of God; remember the abundance of God's steadfast love.
P: **We have been blessed in ways we have not realized; we have received more than we could ever deserve.**
L: See the prosperity and abundance around you.
P: How merciful is the God of our ancestors!
L: We have gathered because we believe God's word; we are together to sing praise to our Deliverer.
ALL: We are here to be claimed again by our God. We have assembled to express our gratitude.
L: Let us pray . . .(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 14: 19-31
PSALM Psalm 106: 4-12
Liturgist: Brad Linde

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION
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Our Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: Gracious God, we confess that we have been ungrateful and insensitive, cutting ourselves off from you and from other people. We do not see our own iniquity. We do not sense any wickedness in our own ways. We seek to measure life by our own standards, not yours. We do not recognize our own lies or the oppression we inflict on people by whose labors we benefit. Awaken our consciences, we pray, that we may receive pardon and new life. Amen.
Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri**
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'Psalm'* Natalie Sleeth
Senior Choir; Eva Breidenthal, flautist

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The Call to Give Marie Acquilano
Offertory Anthem *"Prelude on 'St. Catherine'"* Gordon Young

***Doxology**
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*HYMN OF FAITH No. 225
'Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee' ST. AGNES

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THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:22-33

THE SERMON Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus
'Water in God's Hands'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

*HYMN OF MISSION *'Come to the Mountaintop'*
DENNIS

Come to the mountaintop;
O come away to pray.
Pour out the anguish of your heart;
Find solace for the day.

Come to a quiet place
to meet Christ face to face;
Let go of sorrow, guilt, and pain
In Jesus' kind embrace.

Come to the restless sea,
Where people cringe in fear;
Take heart, for Christ is also there,
Your fervent prayers to hear.

Come to the marketplace;
There claim the covenant
That binds us not to things, but God,
In outreach jubilant.

Come to a needy world,
Where worship is reviled.
Come, grow in faith and love and zeal,
With Jesus, God's own child.

CHORAL BENEDICTION*'An Irish Blessing'*Helen Stover
***THE POSTLUDE** *'Piece Herooque'* Cesar Franck
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

9:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Christian Education Board

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m. Mothers Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

NO Breakfast Club until August 26!
7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
Personnel Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 1993

Psalm 106:7

"Remember me, O Lord," is the plea that begins our Psalm reading (verse 4). When we are remembered by God, we are connected to God by God's covenant again and again through salvation history. Given the abundance of God's steadfast love, we have assurance that we may always be members of the Body of Christ. Certainly when we see the great works of our God who remembers sinners, then we may "sing praise, take heart, and not be afraid."

Rev. Carol A. Keller
Eden United Church of Christ
St. Louis, MO

RENEWING CONGREGATIONS

Organizational lines should bring focus, not build fences, according to Rev. Paul R. Peters and Rev. Thomas M. Carson of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Paul and Tom have incorporated their respective ministries, community mission and education in the parish community, into a new training program for local church clergy and lay leaders.

Called "Renewing Congregations through Education and Mission in the Parish Community," their program is intended to do just that. It begins with four assumptions:

* Congregational renewal is accomplished when the local church acts on the vision of God's Realm among people within the realities of the present.
* Parish community is the particular public or geographical context within which a local church conducts its common life and mission.
* Education in the parish community is a process of transforming and empowering people both within and outside the local church through knowledge of scripture, expressions of faith, and understanding more clearly the relationship between the Gospel message and the realities of the world.
* Mission in the parish community is the local church acting on its call to enhance the quality of life within that particular public or geographical area where it is serving according to the vision of God's realm for all people.

The training program itself focuses on four basic principles:

+ Listening to people in the congregation and within the community;
+ Fostering relationships among people;
+ Identifying and initiating teaching and learning moments;
+ Developing sustainable action coalitions or organizations.

We support this ministry with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.


Have
mercy
on me,
O God

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
August 15, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE *'Dearest Lord Jesus'* Hermann Schroede

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 7**
'Immortal, Invisible; God Only Wise' ST. DENIO

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Our faith draws us together this day. Let us trust enough to open our ears and hearts.

P: **We have heard of God's miracles in other times; our ancestors have kept the story alive for us.**

L: Give ear, all people, to God's word for today. Taste the bounty of God's blessing here and now.

ALL: God's revelation is for all people, near and far. God is waiting to communicate with you and me. May God have mercy on us and all people. Surely God's will shall be made known to us.

L: Let us pray . . .(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16: 2-15
PSALM Psalm 78: 1-3; 10-20

Liturgist: Shannon Albertson

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION

The Call to Confession

Our Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: O God, our thoughts are not full of your love. We forget to listen for your guidance. When we speak to you, it is often to beg or complain, not to give thanks. Our greed outruns our gratitude. We live fearfully rather than faithfully. When you assure and bless us, we are not satisfied. O God, we cannot turn ourselves around. Help us to change. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'My Jesus, I Love Thee'* arr. Paul Sjolund

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Sarah Hemphill

Offertory Anthem *Meditation on "Liebster Jesu"* Joseph Clokey

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Meg Wilkins

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 212

'Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word' LIEBSTER JESU

Children are welcome to leave on stanza two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:21-28

THE SERMON Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus

'A Vacation Surprise!'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

*HYMN OF MISSION

'Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go' NO. 406

MORNING HYMN

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *'O May the Peace of God'*

Natalie Sleeth

***THE POSTLUDE** *'Trumpet in Dialogue'*

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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Child Care during worship today: Marie Wilkins and Marie Aquilano. Next week: Jimma Causey and Elizabeth Mayse.
Nursery today: Patsy Oliver and Lydia Troxler. Next week: Page Edgerton and Amy Rose.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

9:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Youth Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 a.m. Mothers Morning Out
9:30 a.m. Youth leave for Emerald Pointe
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

NO Breakfast Club until August 26!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15,1993
Matthew 15:22

The first time our children invited friends on our family vacation I protested. Family vacations ought to be for family! Happily my children prevailed. Today's Gospel lesson is partly about who will be welcomed in the Christian family. Can a Canaanite woman be heard and accepted? Often we keep our church family too small and so the richness that is part of welcoming the stranger or foreigner in our midst escapes us. Do you turn anyone away from your church family?

Rev. Stephen L. Sterner
Central Congregational UCC
Atlanta, GA

DISASTER RELIEF—AND MORE

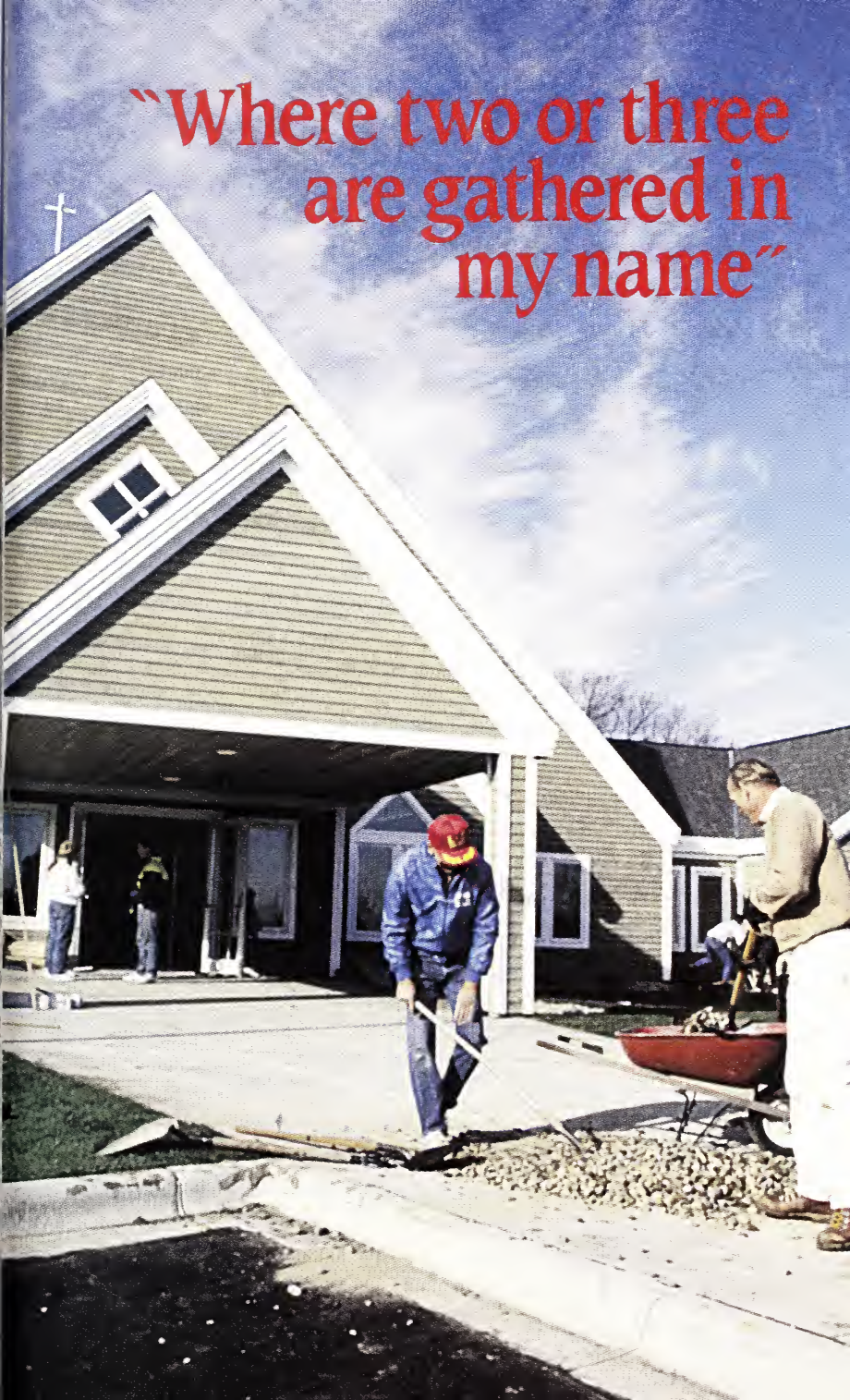
Church World Service, the ecumenical relief and development ministry we support through One Great Hour of Sharing, is not "they" or "them." Church World Service is "us" in a very real way. A few years ago, United Church Board for World Ministries public health missionaries, Guy and Muffie Alling, were sent by Church World Service to work with Afghan refugees in northern Pakistan. Today, Jane and George Sullivan-Davis, appointed jointly by our World Board and the Division of Overseas Ministries of our partner Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), represent Church World Service in the South American Andes.

Church World Service is not just blankets and high-energy biscuits, either—important as those relief supplies are. Jane and George Sullivan-Davis minister to the emotional and spiritual needs of their neighbors, too. As Jane says, "Part of the interpretation work that we and ecumenical colleagues in the region carry out includes helping those around us see that nowadays cholera, floods and mud slides are not 'natural disasters' and by no means are they 'acts of God.' God and nature are good. This message leads the victims of these disasters, and those who accompany them, to denounce the irresponsibility of those in power as the main cause of their tragedies."

In her work with Church World Service, Jane and her South American colleagues face enormous challenges: "How do we address the social causes of these disasters while at the same time offering practical orientation and action? How can Christians announce the transformation of this situation? In the midst of all the senseless suffering, how do we affirm the goodness of God and Nature?"

With our generous support, however, Jane Sullivan-Davis and Church World Service seek to answer those questions.

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"Where two or three
are gathered in
my name"

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
September 5, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Maestoso from "Chorale No. 2"'*
Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
'Praise Ye the Lord' P. Ivanoff

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 247**
'Holy God, We Praise Thy Name'

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ!
P: Let us worship the God of Love and Grace!
L: Let us sing songs of praise and thanksgiving!
P: Let us seek the Spirit that brings hope and peace!
L: Let us discover Christ in prayer.
(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 115: 1 - 11
Liturgist: Dr. Earl Danieley

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Our Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON:God of Peace and Mercy, we like to be called followers of Jesus Christ. We give ourselves the name "Christian". Our everyday lives, however, show the world the reality of our intentions. We forget that we belong to Christ. We act and speak as if the Evil One is our mentor. Our lives fail to reflect the love and service of the Anointed One! Forgive us, renew us and challenge us in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior! Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'Song of Celebration'* Allen Pate

Heidi Danieley, flautist; Senior Choir

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Kim Aquilano

Offertory Anthem *'Prelude on "Work Song"'*

Seth Bingham

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Claire Welborn

***HYMN OF FAITH** WENTWORTH

'My God, I Thank Thee, Who Hast Made' **NO. 98**

Children are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18: 15 - 20

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'Gathered In Christ's Name'

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No. 260**
'The Church's One Foundation' AURELIA

BENEDICTION Please be seated . . .

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE
'Fantasia from "Chorale No. 2"' Cesar Franck

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

As we begin a new school year, we ask members and visitors to please wear name tags so we may greet each other by name and get better acquainted. If you do not have a name tag please speak to a greeter!

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Nursery today: Beth Wilkins/Shannon Albertson. Next week: Estelle Willard/Amy Rose.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
8:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism

MONDAY, SEPT. 6

Church Offices Are Closed -Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

7:00 p.m. Pastor-Parish Relations

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 - A.A. Mtg.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Terrific Thursdays Program

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

6:00 p.m. Special Fridays
7:30 p.m. N.A. Mtg

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 1993

Matthew 18:20

Stephan and Luz often worked the same weekend shift at St. Luke's Hospital. But recently they had not talked much, or even so much as nodded. Stephan's study group at Peace UCC had talked about going directly to one with whom you are at odds. So, at lunch, he sat down at Luz's table and spoke to her about the Bible study and the issue between them. It was the opening she had been looking for. At the end of lunch their problem still needed work, but they both knew that Jesus Christ was with them.

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
The Federated Church
Morris, MN

FROM COMMUNISM TO COOPERATION

The collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union and other nations has brought an end to the official harassment of Christianity in Eastern Europe. Some American Protestants are taking advantage of the situation to proselytize on the streets of Moscow and elsewhere in Russia. They seem to believe that newcomers can disregard the existing churches and with substantial financial resources introduce evangelical programs "made in the U.S.A."

Our mission work in Russia is very different. We recognize and respect the indigenous churches, both the predominant Russian Orthodox and also the Baptist, Lutheran, Pentecostal, and other Protestant churches that survived seventy years of oppression. Our approach is humble, for we have much to learn from our Russian brothers and sisters about courage and faithfulness. It is also ecumenical, for those churches know best how we can assist them to move into the new day of freedom.

Thus, the strategies we support are hammered out in dialogue with Russian Christian leaders and then implemented in consultation with them. In this new atmosphere of cooperation, exchanges of persons are already underway.

As a social work intern with the Department of External Church Relations of the Russian Orthodox Church, Ben Taylor helped distribute gifts of grain from American farmers. At the same time, two Russian Orthodox graduate students came to the United States. One studied agriculture, in order to learn how to reclaim productive use of lands belonging to an historic monastery, and the other studied theology.

We support these and many other programs of partnership through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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PRELUDE *'Chorale and Andante from 'Sixth Sonata'*
F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
'Now God Be Praised' M. Vulpius

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 38**
'Morning Has Broken' BUNESSAN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Rejoice in the day that God has made for us!
P: Worship the God of Love and Grace!
L: Sing songs of praise and thanksgiving!
P: Seek the Spirit that brings hope and peace!
L: For God offers us in worship a gift . . .
P: The Gift of renewal and recreation!
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALTER LESSON Exodus 20: 1 - 20
Liturgist: Heather Dillashaw

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Great Creator God, Holy Spirit of Life and Hope, we admit that we turn away from you. We are ashamed of our behavior. We feel the guilt of our actions and our words. We have been spiteful and unforgiving. We have nurtured grudges. We choose the trappings of success over the ministry of caring. As we approach the table of mercy and love, forgive us! Renew your Spirit within us as we share the bread and the cup of Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'O For a Thousand Tongues'* arr. W. Angell

Dana Passwaters, soloist; Senior Choir

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Matt Mayse

Offertory Anthem *Prelude on 'Serenity'*

arr. Max Smith

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Brad Linde

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson

'Not what we say . . .but what we do!'

***HYMN OF FAITH** INSERT

'They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love'

Children are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18: 21 - 35

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'From Laws to Forgiveness'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No.317**

'I Love to Tell the Story' HANKEY

BENEDICTION PLEASE BE SEATED

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE *Allegro from 'Sixth Sonata'*

F. Mendelssohn

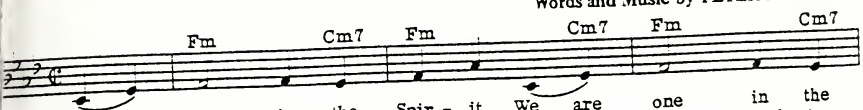
*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Everyone (men and women) are invited to a study program of Jeremiah by Dr. James Pace, Professor of Religion at Elon College sponsored by Church Women United. The date is September 17, 1993. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., study at 10:00 a.m. at Macedonia Lutheran Church, 421 W. Front Street, Burlington. If you need transportation, call Fran Hook, 584-5407.
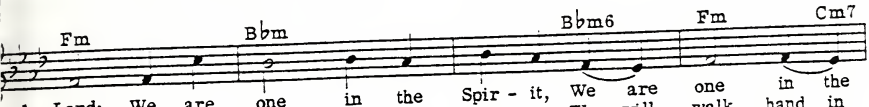
Love one another, as I have loved you. John 15:12

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
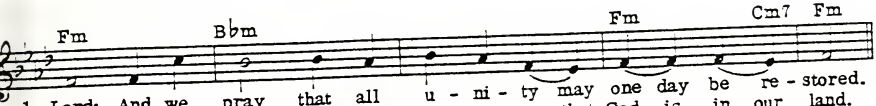
Words and Music by PETER SCHOLTES



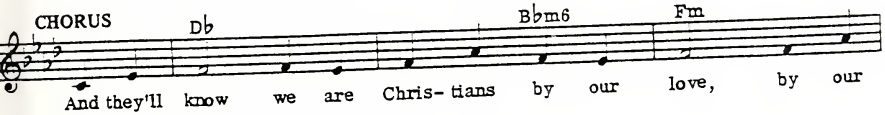
1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the
2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by
4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, From — whom all things
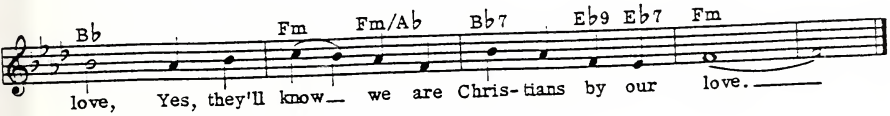


1. Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the
2. hand; We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in
3. side; We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by
4. come; And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His — on - ly —



1. Lord; And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
2. hand; And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. side; And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save — each man's pride.
4. Son; And all praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one.



And they'll know we are Chris- tians by our love, by our



love, Yes, they'll know — we are Chris- tians by our love. —

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Noon - College Potluck Luncheon!

MONDAY, SEPT 13

7:00 p.m. Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPT 16

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, SEPT 17

8:00 p.m. to 8: a.m. Youth Lock-in

SATURDAY, SEPT 18

6:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship Potluck!
Make Reservations 584-0391!

Our congregation's covenant recognizes that though we "come from varying backgrounds" we can work together. There are differing opinions as to when children can receive communion. Some prefer to wait until after confirmation. Others say that if one is baptized one is already a part of the family and can share in the family meal. For now we leave it up to the family. We believe that each of us is accountable to God. But the issue has prompted us to examine the meaning of the Sacraments among us.

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
The Federated Church
Morris, MN

OUR PRESENCE—OUR PRESENTS

A year ago, about the same time that Hurricane Andrew struck the southern United States, a forty-foot tidal wave hit the west coast of Nicaragua. Most Americans, preoccupied with their own domestic disaster, did not even hear about what happened in Central America. Coastal Nicaraguan villages and towns were destroyed, over one hundred and fifty people died, and twice that number suffered serious injuries.

The United Church of Christ was present in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, as most of our members know. But we were also present in Nicaragua. Karen and Colin Glenn, who serve in Managua in our behalf, headed for the fishing village of Casares the morning after the disaster. They wanted to see about their friend, Agustin Rocha, and his family. They found his little restaurant destroyed, and, worse, Agustin burying his four-year-old son who had been drowned by the tidal wave.

Bob Molsberry serves in our behalf as community development coordinator with the Mennonite Central Committee in Nicaragua. He went to the fishing village of El Astillero, where twelve homes had been destroyed and a two-year-old child drowned. After collecting donations from Nicaraguan Mennonites, Bob helped organize volunteer brigades to assist with reconstruction in El Astillero.

"The first structure we finished was turned over to the head of the household, an old man of eighty, who is nearly blind," Bob reports. His wife, partially paralyzed by a stroke, was overwhelmed with gratitude. "It has been a blessing to have these brothers here helping us," she said. "I don't know what we would have done without them."

Through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we were present when Hurricane Andrew hit the United States—and when a tidal wave struck Nicaragua.


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I am
generous"

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PRELUDE *'Lied'* Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 8**
'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee' ODE TO JOY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God called us forth from the dust of the universe.
P: Our Creator breathed into us the breath of life.
L: The God of Life saw that all of creation was good!
P: Blessings have been poured out for us!
L: The Harvest has been plentiful and laborers few.
P: And we continue to give thanks and sing praise!
L: So let us come to God in prayer.
(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Isaiah 28: 23 - 29
Liturgist: Dr. Richard Rinker

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: We seek your mercy, O God!

We long for the refreshing forgiveness that transforms our lives and puts us right with you and with our brothers and sisters. We are aware of our sinfulness and our selfish desires. We feel lost and alone and need a new direction for our lives. Show us the Way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us and challenge us to follow him faithfully. For we ask it in his holy name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'New Song'* Joseph Martin

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Jeff Wilkins

Offertory Anthem J.S. Bach

'He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him'

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication David Brown

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson

'More Than A Stuffed Animal'

*HYMN OF FAITH No. 481
'I Sing A Song of the Saints of God' GRAND ISLE

Children, GRADES TWO AND BELOW, are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20: 1-16

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'It Simply is Not Fair!'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** see Insert
'Amazing Grace' GRACE

BENEDICTION PLEASE BE SEATED

CHORAL RESPONSE *'God Be With You'* David Lantz,III

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE *'Jig Fugue'* Buxtehude
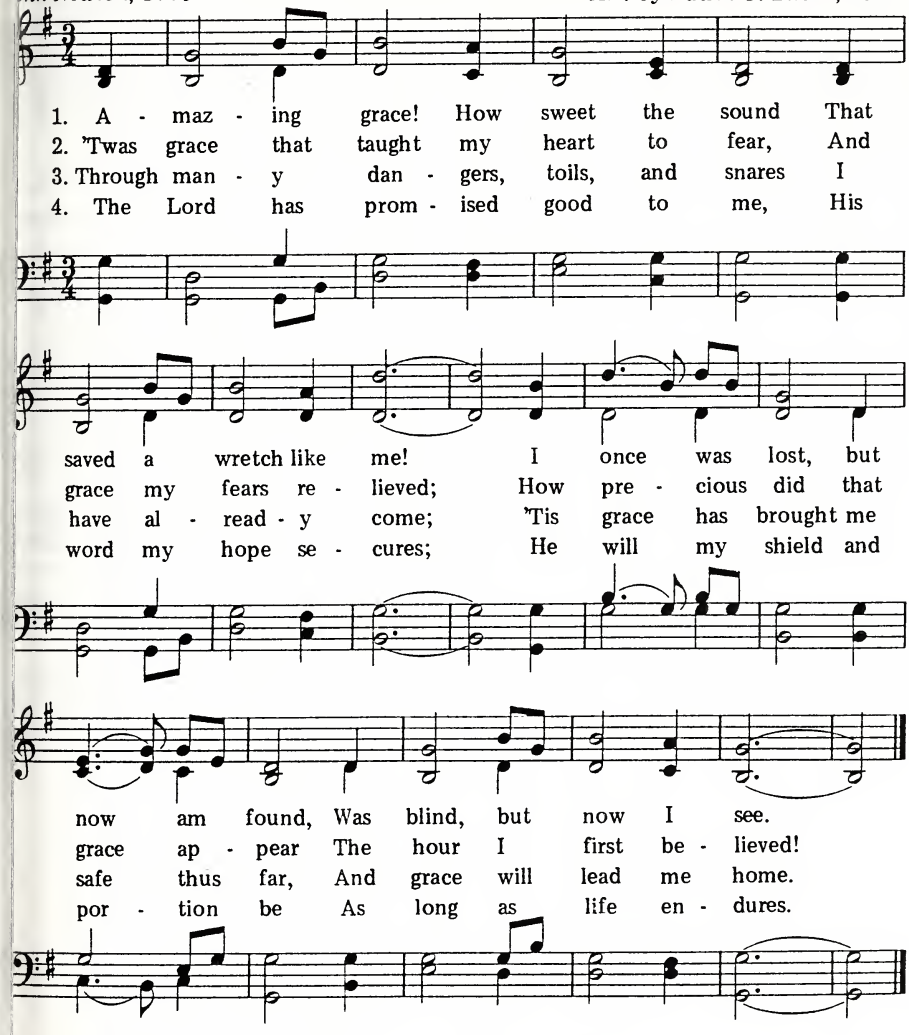
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Please leave Hymn inserts in the pews for future use! Thanks!

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
American Folk Hymn
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

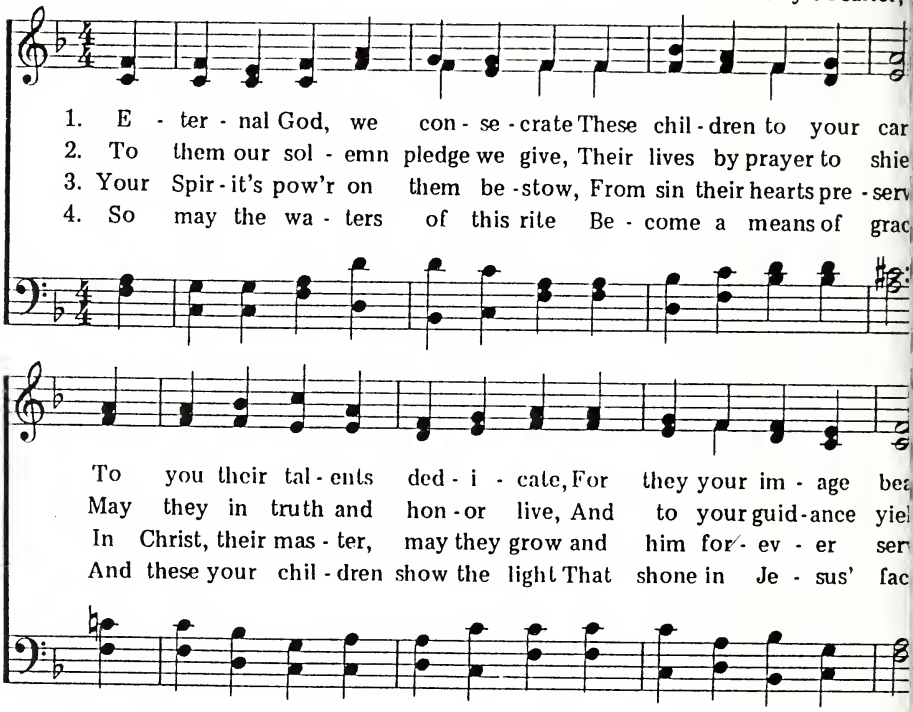
John Newton, 1779



Eternal God, We Consecrate

ST. FLAVIAN
Day's Psalter, 1

Robert Dobbie, 1971



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Youth Ministry Council
4:00 p.m. Trustees
5:00 p.m. Grief Support Group Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 22

7:30 p.m. Adult Chancel Choir
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY. SEPT 23

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 1993

Matthew 20.15

The Mille Lacs band of the Ojibwa in Minnesota sought to reclaim their treaty rights to spear fishing on their large lake. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources worked out a compromise, granting the band the right to spear fish on 4.5% of it. Some anglers objected; they did not want the band to sell sport fish commercially. So the issue went to the state legislature. But God is still the generous and gracious One who gives us fish to eat. And it is Jesus who reminds us not to look with greedy eye on the things of others.

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
The Federated Church
Morris, MN

NATIVE AMERICAN PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

According to the 1990 census, only about twenty-five percent of the Native American population of the United States identify themselves as Christians.

That is a sobering yet inescapable fact.

On this American Indian Ministry Sunday, let us give prayerful consideration to one of the reasons for declining church membership among Native Americans—the shortage of indigenous pastoral leadership.

In the United Church of Christ, as in other denominations, we need more Indian pastors. Recruiting, training, and sustaining them costs money—more than we have previously committed.

The call to ordained Christian ministry comes, ultimately, from the Spirit. But material considerations can either help or hinder an individual's faithful response to that call. In the Indian communities served by the United Church of Christ, compensation for ministry is a critical issue, because it involves both equity and evangelism.

Even experienced Indian pastors' salaries do not match the minimum standard recommended for beginning pastors outside the Native American community. Furthermore, although often expected to serve more than one congregation, Indian pastors receive no automobile allowance. Medical expenses are primarily covered through the Indian Health Service, not church insurance programs. And some Indian pastors are not included in a church pension plan. Even by the impoverished standards of the Indian reservation, church pastors are not paid adequately. Alcohol abuse counselors, casino dealers, and truck drivers often earn more than experienced pastors.

Increasing the support for indigenous pastoral leadership in the present and the future is high on the agenda of the UCC Council for American Indian Ministry. We can help address this issue through Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
August 22, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Andantino'* Cesar Franc

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **NO.2**
'Sing Praise to God' LLANFAI

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, let us sing to our Creator; make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

P: **We come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before God, our Maker!

ALL: This is our God, and we are God's people. We are like sheep, with God as our shepherd.

L: Let us pray . .(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17: 1-

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession
Our Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Abiding and Eternal God, we confess our desperation. We need water, but our own wells are dry. We are fearful of coming to the living waters, lest they be a mirage. We are afraid to drink deeply from your hand, lest more be asked of us than we are ready to give. We are content so often to go through the motions of religion rather than confess a faith that may be challenged. God, help us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'The Lord Is My Shepherd'* Allen Pote

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Lydia Troxler

Offertory Anthem *'Chorale No. 1'* Cesar Franck

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Elizabeth Mayse

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 401**

'Teach Me, My God and King' MORNINGTON

(Stanzas 1, 3, 5)

Children are welcome to leave on stanza three for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20

THE MEDITATION Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'You Can Lead Them To Water, But...'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, O God our Creator. From the womb of your being you brought forth worlds. Into mere dust you blew the breath of life, creating women and men to bear your likeness in the world. You create, love, and care for all that is. We praise and thank you, nurturing God, that in Jesus you bring joy and hope to loving hearts, and offer health and power to human relationships. Even the powers of sorrow and death could not contain Christ's joy. From the tomb our risen Savior came to share bread again among the beloved. In the glory of your banquet hall, Christ prepares a wedding feast for all the faithful who even now praise you.

P: **Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements
Communion will be by intincture. Break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup before eating.)
(Those who are unable to visit a Communion station may remain seated. Deacons will bring the elements to the pew.)

Anthem SONG 1
'And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love'

Prayer of Thanksgiving
L: Let us pray.
ALL: Thank you, O God, for refreshing us at your table. By your grace you have nourished us with the living presence of Christ, the bread of life, that we may share life together. Send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to give ourselves in love until your entire human family is gathered at your table, glorifying and praising you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGICAL DANCE OFFERING *'Jesu, Jesu'*
TOM COLVIN
Dancers: Shannon Albertson, Brad Linde, Elizabeth Mayse, Matthew Mayse, Lydia Troxler.

RECOGNITION OF THE END OF A MINISTRY

Leader: Jeff Wilkins, Moderator
On February 26, 1992, this local church called Robin Jean Townsley Arcus to serve as Parish Associate Minister.

Rev. Townsley:
I thank Elon College Community Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last eighteen months.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

People:
We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Rev. Townsley:
I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Vows of Release
Leader:
Do you, the members and friends of Elon College Community Church release Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus from the duties of Parish Associate Minister?
People:

People:
We do, with the help of God.

Leader:
Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

People:
We do, with the help of God.

Leader:
Do you, Rev. Robin Townsley Arcus release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Rev. Townsley:
I do, with the help of God.

Leader:
Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Rev. Townsley:
I do, with the help of God.

Leader:
Let us pray.
ALL:
O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Robin in worship, in learning, in service. We pray that Robin will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as she moves to a new and unknown place in the name of Jesus the Savior. Amen.

PRESENTATION

***HYMN OF MISSION**

'Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love' AZMON

Jesus, thine all victorious love
shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove,
rooted and fixed in God.
O that in me the sacred fire
might now begin to glow;
burn up the dross of base desire
and make the mountains flow!
O that it now from heaven might fall
and all my sins consume!
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call,
Spirit of burning, come!
Refining fire, go through my heart,
illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through every part
and sanctify the whole.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *'An Irish Blessing'*
arr. Helen Stover

*THE POSTLUDE *'Carillon'* Louis Vierne

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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Nursery today: Page Edgerton and Amy Rose. Next week: Candace Leuck and Lydia Troxler.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

9:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Luncheon honoring Rev. Townsley
Youth Ministry Council Meeting immediately following luncheon
3-5:00 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 a.m. Fun, Enrichment Folk trip to Old Salem

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 a.m. Mothers Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 a.m Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 22, 1993

Matthew 16:18

I can imagine Peter saying to us, "If Christ could use me as a rock to build his Church, he can use anybody." Just moments after his bold confession, Peter rejects Jesus as the suffering Messiah. So Jesus calls him a stumbling stone. Like ours, Peter's faith went up and down. But after the resurrection, he offers a powerful witness to God's self-giving love in Christ. The Risen Christ says to us unpromising, unwilling followers: "You are my rock, my steward, my servant." On this rock, or the likes of Peter, you and me, Christ will build his church.

Rev. John Nourse
Parkway UCC
St. Louis, MO

AT THE TABLE

When farm workers and food growers sit down at the table, some people say churches shouldn't be there. They say churches should stick to the business of saving souls and leave social issues to others.

The Division of the American Missionary Association of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries doesn't agree. They are committed to ministry with the poor and powerless. But that doesn't mean they always have to take sides. Sometimes justice for farm workers and justice for food growers go hand in hand.

Does that sound naive or impossible? Look at what happened in Ohio, where cucumbers are a major cash crop. Most of the cucumbers are sold to the large food companies that process them into the pickles we see in jars on the supermarket shelves.

Food growers need farm workers because harvesting the cucumber crop requires lots of hands. Farm workers asked churches to help the food growers recognize that they deserve the same rights and benefits as other employees, including Social Security, unemployment insurance, and workers' compensation. Then the food growers asked the churches to help the farm workers recognize that the added costs of providing those benefits could bankrupt them.

Then both groups asked church representatives to help them develop a strategy to persuade the food processors to assume a fair share of the costs of the farm workers' benefits. Providing those benefits would only raise the price of a jar of pickles by about two cents.

When farm workers and food growers sit down at the table, both groups want the churches to be there.

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Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
August 29, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Prelude on "Nun Bitten Wir"'*
D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
'Lord, Thy Mercy Now Entreating' R. Recht

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 26**
'O Be Joyful in the Lord!' ROCK OF AGES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Rejoice, all believers! Worship your God!
P: Praise the God who carried Israel on eagle's wings.
L: Celebrate the gifts of Life God offers you! ,
P: Accept the challenge and grace of God's Word!
L: For this is God's day.
P: This is the Sabbath of God's Love!
L: Let us pray . . .(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12: 1 -13
Liturgist: Brian Rose
THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION
The Call to Confession

Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: God of Mercy, continue to carry us when we falter. Lift us up on the wings of your Spirit when we fall to the ways of temptation and evil. Uphold us when we have failed you and our brothers and sisters. Renew us when we are tired and discouraged. Show us the way to forgiveness and hope. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri**
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

ANTHEM *'Shall We Gather At the River'* John Carter

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
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The Call to Give Drew McLelland
Offertory Anthem
'Prelude on A Southern Folk Hymn'
Lee H. Bristol,Jr.

***Doxology**
*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Jeff Wilkins

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Aitcheson

***HYMN OF FAITH** No. 372
'How Firm A foundation' ADESTE FIDELES

Children are welcome to leave on verse FOUR for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms. On verses one through three children will take the Missions Penny Offering. Give generously!

THE HEBREW STORY Exodus 19: 1 - 9

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16: 21 - 28

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'Carried On Eagles Wings'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No. 197**
'At the Name of Jesus' KING'S WESTON

BENEDICTION Please be seated

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

***THE POSTLUDE**
'Postlude in A Minor' Marcello

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

***We welcome the members of the Elon College football team and their families to our service. Welcome!**

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

9:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 p.m. Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Please note that the church office hours will be 8:30 .m - 1:30 p.m. beginning Monday, August 30, 1993.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 1993

Exodus 19:4

We look around. Racism threatens to divide us. Hunger and homelessness abound. We worry whether our children will be safe. We struggle to live creative, vital lives. But God promises us life. God calls us to "move out" in faith—to welcome those who may be abandoned, to embrace those who feel alone, to be courageous in working for justice. When we take risks in the name of faith, we find that God is with us. God lifts us up, as if "on eagles' wings." We are renewed in joy.

Rev. Cheryl Cornish
First Congregational UCC
Memphis, TN

HEALING MINISTRIES

From the beginning of overseas mission, some emulated Jesus by healing. Congregational, Christian, Reformed, Evangelical: all of our traditions pioneered in medical ministry.

The tradition continues. Keith Fleshman, a surgeon, and June Fleshman, a medical report processor, jointly appointed by the United Church Board for World Ministries and our partner, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), serve with the United Mission in Nepal. We help support them through Our Church's Wider Mission.

Tansen Hospital, where they work, represents the difference between life and death for thousands of Nepalese. "About 150 mothers a year have Caesarean sections," Keith reports. Many are emergencies. "On the average, one and a half lives are saved by each section. Almost always a fruitful adult is restored to her family.

"We treat a lot of burns and old deformities caused by burns. Nun Kumarie crawled on hands and knees from infancy until age seventeen. Finally she crawled here. After six major operations, we got her legs straightened. Now, with the aid of special shoes, she can walk upright.

"The number of people with compound fractures, perforated ulcers, ruptured appendixes, gangrene, and other such conditions that come to Tansen in dire distress and go home whole adds up to about three thousand surgical in-patients and that many out-patients a year."

Like the medical missionaries before them, Keith and June Fleshman bring their healing love in Jesus' name to the marginal people who "the world reckons don't count for anything."

"But we are made better by loving them. All of you who by your gifts and prayers make this work possible are made better by helping them."

Show me your ways



Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
September 26, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE Selections for Organ and Oboe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 40**
'Take My Life and Let it Be' VIENNA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Jesus calls us to Worship;
P: We are gathered in praise and thanksgiving!
L: Jesus calls us to Prayer;
P: We are open to speak and to listen to God!
L: Jesus calls us to Rejoice!
P: We celebrate God's love and Grace!
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Exodus 33: 12 - 23
Liturgist: Kate Ruth

ANTHEM *'I Lift Up Mine Eyes'* Allen Pote
Mark Hauser, oboist; Eva Breidenthal, flautist
and the Chancel Choir

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: God, we get confused and find ourselves lost. We say and do all the things we know that we should not do. We fail to do the things that would serve you and others well. We complain. We grumble. We lose our way. Forgive us and show us the Way of your grace and love. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Leigh Ann Batten

Offertory Anthem *Andante from 'Sixth Sonata'* F. Mendelssohn

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Hope Martin

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson

'Not what we say . . .but what we do!'

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 416**

'Christian Arise and Act Thy Creed'

Children GRADES TWO AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21: 28 - 32

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'Show Me the Way, O Lord!'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION vs. 1 - 3** **No.366**

'God of Grace and God of Glory' CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION PLEASE BE SEATED

CHORAL RESPONSE *'As the Father Loves Me'*

R.Schultz

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE *Allegro from 'Second Sonata'*

F. Mendelssohn

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

REMINDER: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT 26

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Noon - Confirmation Begins

MONDAY, SEPT 27

7:00 p.m. Scouts

TUESDAY, SEPT 28

7:30 p.m. Mission Board

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 29

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPT 30

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, OCT 1

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, OCT 2

9:00 TO NOON - SAVE THE VAN SPRAY DAY
Car Wash!

The teacher took the request of the child with utter seriousness. Very carefully the adult cut open the teddy bear's body, removed the broken squeaker, and then sewed up the incision. The surgery was a success. Years later no words were remembered. But the way the teacher dealt with the child had never been forgotten. Accepting a request is gracious whether on the part of an understanding teacher, or a God who can have a change of heart. And through the action of the teacher, the ways of God were demonstrated.

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
The Federated Church
Morris, MN

JESUS, THE TEACHER

In his Gospel, Matthew makes the case that the teacher in the church is not like any other teacher in the world and, in fact, that Jesus is the only teacher in the community of disciples. The evangelist describes a scene in which Jesus, speaking to the crowds and disciples, said, "But you are not to be called rabbi for you have one teacher and you are all students.... Nor are you to be called instructors for you have one instructor, the Messiah" (Matt. 23:1-12 NRSV). In short, for Matthew, the Messiah is the church's only teacher, properly speaking, and in that community there could be no other.

Matthew was anxious that members of the community not set themselves above the community. The community makes decisions (Matt. 18:15-20) and, by the same token, the community passes on the teaching of Jesus. The church's task is to rehearse that teaching, to witness to what Jesus commanded and taught. It is all too easy to forget that the church inherits the teaching of Jesus the Christ, that its first task is to witness to that teaching. That is the task of every Christian.

The teaching of Jesus is unique. It is the teaching of one whose life and death is invested in the teaching. We listen and learn with wonder at such a voice as it comes across the ages and into our lives. In that voice we may find our own voice, and in that life we may catch a glimpse of a new heaven and a new earth.

Christian Education Week, which begins today, reminds us that we must learn again and again to witness to the wonder of life as we know it through Jesus Christ.

Rev. Ansley Coe Throckmorton
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries


Open
your
mouth and
I will fill it"

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
October 3, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Worldwide Communion Sunday
****

PRELUDE *'Pastorale'* Alex Templeton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
'God Himself Is With Us' J. Neander

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 26**
'O Be Joyful in the Lord!'

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: The race of our everyday life wears us down!
P: Let us run the race that Christ set before us!
L: His is the race that strengthens us.
P: His is the race that brings us close to God.
L: Let us prepare for that race in worship and in prayer! (The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 81: 1 - 10
Liturgist: Rev. Barry Raker

ANTHEM *'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring'* J.S.Bach

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION

The Call to Confession

Our Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession:

UNISON:Gathering around this table again, Lord, calls us to account for our behavior and faithfulness. We are humbled when we see bread and the chalice. The body of Christ was broken at Calvary. It continues to be broken when we hold to our sinful ways. The Chalice is the sign of forgiveness poured out for us. We continue to need that mercy and love. Examine us, O God, and bring us to repentance. Show us your mercy and the way of your hope, In Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

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The Call to Give — Matthew Woody

Offertory Anthem *'Intermezzo from Sonata No. 3'* J. Rheinberger

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication — Chris Harris

***HYMN OF FAITH** **verses 1,2 & 4** **No. 345**
'Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart' **MARION**

Children GRADES 2 AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 3: 12 - 21

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'Running the Race'

***HYMN OF PREPARATION verses 1 & 2** **No. 288**
'Let Us Break Bread Together'

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN OF MISSION verse 3** **No. 260**
'Let Us Break Bread Together'

BENEDICTION Please be seated . . .

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE
'Postlude on "Aberystwyth"' Gordon Young

*You are invited to stand at these moments

REMINDER: There is a Congregational Meeting immediately following today's service! Please stay.

HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 10

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1993

: Invite your friends and extended family to join us!

: Bring a covered dish to share!

: Plan to stay for the luncheon and for the Old Fashioned Hymn-sing to follow!

HAT'S HAPPENING? At Worship:
Presentation of the Rob Woody Memorial Award
Dedication of a new Steeple Carillon

N'T: Miss this event!



"I never know what to say during the 'Greet Your Neighbor' time, so I had something typed up."

Please Remember to stay following worship tod

A special meeting of the Congregation has been called to take action on the Sloan Memorial Fund expenditures. Your participation is important!

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If you get the answering machine . . .

On Tuesdays at 9:30 Arch and Diane meet to check the calendar, make plans for the week, and to have a minute of prayer together. If you phone or visit at that time you may be greeted by the answering machine and a request to return later. If there's an emergency we'll respond within a few minutes. Do leave a message!

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Visiting College Student?

Please do sign in the friendship book and let us know your campus mailing address and your dorm and room number. We have a **College Fellowship** program that has its first meeting **this Thursday (October 7) in the Church Parish House** (THE WHITE BLDG.) **at 5:00 p.m. It's PIZZA NITE! Call 584-0391 and let us know if you can be there!**

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A TEACHER IS STILL NEEDED FOR THE SENIO HIGH CLASS AND THE PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CLASS! LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH BY SHARING A BIT OF YOUR TIME!



You Are Invited

All who believe in Jesus Christ and all who desire to live at Peace with their neighbors are invited to the Lord's Table!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED



"Your 'planting the seed' with this program initiative will go far in our small mountain valley community and beyond in the achievement of a just, compassionate, and humane society."

-LaPuente Transitional Housing Program

LIKE MANY OTHERS IN AMERICA, the two young women in Alamosa, Colorado, had recently divorced husbands who abused them and their children. They needed help through the transition from dependency to self-sufficiency. A Neighbors in Need seed grant from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries enabled La Puente Transitional Housing Program to subsidize the womens' rent and utilities, and assist with clothing and day care expenses for their children, while they sought to define and achieve new goals for their lives. In the process, the La Puente staff learned lessons that helped them improve and fund their program for homeless families in the future.

As in other inner city neighborhoods, the infant mortality rate in the Humboldt Park section of Chicago was alarming. The Iglesia Unida de Christo San Lucas, the UCC congregation that serves that Puerto Rican community, decided to do something about it. With other neighborhood groups, the church started an educational program for the women most likely to lose their babies. Then they got in touch with the UCC Office for Church in Society. With the help of an NIN seed grant, the San Lucas Infant Mortality Program was able to hire a director. Four years after its inception, the program is now self-sustaining, and has thirty staff members.

God summons every United Church of Christ congregation to care for women and children at risk. Yet not even the wealthiest local church has resources enough to reach more than a few. And so we combine our gifts through all-church offerings such as Neighbors in Need. Even then, however, we cannot provide relief to nearly all of our abused neighbors who need it.

Faced with limited resources and unlimited need, national church bodies like the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, Office for Church in Society, Commission for Racial Justice, and Coordinating Center for Women have developed innovative programs of advocacy and experimentation that provide the leverage to make much greater resources available where they are needed. Thanks to them, our gifts to Neighbors in Need are invested in ministries that tap other resources and grow like the proverbial mustard seed.

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9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 Confirmation Class
2:00 p.m. CROP WALK
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir
8:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism

MONDAY, OCT. 4

7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 - A.A. Mtg.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Terrific Thursdays Program

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

6:00 p.m. Special Fridays
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 3, 1993

Psalm 81:10

"There's a welcome here... There's a Christian welcome here." This joyful song greeted us as the pastors of the Northeast Davao District Conference welcomed us, and again as the Magatos United Church of Christ in the Philippines greeted us. Both groups fed us well. On our first Sunday, communion was celebrated. Cooked bananas and the red broth of a cooked leafy vegetable served as the elements. Our mouths were filled; so also were our hearts. The "fruits of the kingdom" were what filled us that summer.

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
The Federated Church
Morris, MN

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

Neighbor helping neighbor. It's as old as the first Christian communities. And as new as the newest subdivision. When we see someone in need, we help, individually and as a church. It's our mission to help people in need.

The trouble with a society of 250 million people is that we don't see most of the people in need. They aren't evenly distributed throughout our neighborhoods. They're concentrated in places that most of us don't visit very often—in impoverished inner city neighborhoods and rural areas, on Indian reservations, in shelters for homeless families and battered women, in soup kitchens and food pantries, and in hospitals and hospices.

The old ways for neighbor to help neighbor don't always work very well in a society of vast distances between places, classes, and nationalities. We want to help, but under those circumstances how can we?

One tried and trusted way is through Neighbors in Need.

This all-church offering enables the national program bodies of the United Church of Christ to undertake helping ministries that reach people in the places we can't reach locally.

National crises like children in poverty, racial discrimination, environmental injustice, homelessness, and inadequate health care protection require national responses. Some of our gifts to Neighbors in Need are put to work in advocacy and education so that the root causes of these problems can be addressed. Some of our gifts to NIN are put to work in training and empowerment so that our neighbors in need can deal with their problems themselves. And some of our gifts to NIN are put to work in special experimental projects to deal with the problems.

The program ministries we support through NIN reach our Neighbors in Need whoever and wherever they are. They may not be next door. But our response is still the same. Neighbor helping neighbor.


Let your
ntleness be
known to
everyone
FLORIDA

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
October 10, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Devotion'* Moira Gannon Boynton
The Elon College Community Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT
'Praise Ye the Lord' P. Young

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 19**
'Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show' LLANFAIR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
P: To sing praises to God's Holy name;
L: To declare God's steadfast love each morning,
P: And God's faithfulness through the night!
L: Let us praise God in song, prayer and deed!
Let us pray . . .(Congregation seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4: 1 - 9
Liturgist: Dr. William J. Andes

ANTHEM *'A Jubilant Song'* Allen Pote
The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

DEDICATION OF THE CARILLON

Presentation
Prayer of Dedication
Solo *'How Great Thou Art'* Mr. Ray Covington

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION

The Call to Confession
Our Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession:
UNISON: We gather together in this sacred meeting place, Lord. We are family and friends in Christ. Our lives need redirecting and the assurance of forgiveness. We are often sinful and selfish. As we gather in this spiritual home, help us to feel that mercy you offer in Christ that we might grow in your love. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

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The Call to Give Marie Acquilano
Offertory Anthem *'Siciliana'* Bach/Callahan
***Doxology** No. 515
*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Sarah Hemphill

PRESENTATION: The Rob Woody Memorial Award

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 272**
'Blest Be the Tie That Binds' **DENNIS**

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THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22: 8 - 14
THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'The Right Clothes for the Job'

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No. 260**
'The Church's One Foundation' AURELIA

BENEDICTION Please be seated . . .

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE
'Song of Triumph' Charles Talmadge

*You are invited to stand at these moments

The new Carillon is a memorial in the name of Mr. Kenneth K. Hughes presented in love by his wife and his family. The sound of bells will ring from our steeple as a sign of his faith and God's love.

Jamie Brown is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James L. Brown. She is a senior at Western Alamance High School.

Leigh Ann Batten is the daughter of Major & Mrs. Kevin Batten and is a student at Western Alamance Middle School in the seventh grade.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR - SUNDAY, OCT. 10

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 Homecoming Luncheon

MONDAY, OCT. 11

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
Budget Committee Mtg.

TUESDAY, OCT. 12

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir/Church Council Mtg.
8:00 p.m. A.A. Mtg.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Terrific Thursdays Program
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons Mtg.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

6:00 p.m. Special Fridays
7:30 p.m. N.A. Mtg

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 1993

Philippians 4:5

Gene was feeling discouraged with the progress of his therapy ur Everett was wheeled into the room. Everett was a volunteer making h rounds of the rehabilitation section. His muscular dystrophy didi allow him to make visits without assistance, but now he was the Everett's eyes were steady, his face open. Gene's discourageme poured out. Then Everett responded with gentleness ar understanding. When Everett left, Gene was ready for his next thera session, knowing that the peace of Christ was near.

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RECONCILIATION

Juan and Diego grew up together in El Salvador. They developed very close friendship in school. After graduation, Juan joined the arn and was trained to fight with an "elite" government battalion. In 198 he was wounded in combat with the rebel National Liberation Fro (FMLN). Since recovering, Juan has held an administrative post wi the military high command.

Meanwhile, Diego, a devoted member of the Baptist church, wa arrested by the National Police. He was liberated from prison by th FMLN, and went with the rebels to the hills where, for a time, he foug on their side. Last year, Diego was discharged, and had his legal righ restored as part of the peace process.

This year, Diego and Maria, another faithful Baptist, announced th they would marry. For the wedding, the congregation of El Cordero d Dios would be greatly enlarged by family and friends, amongst the war-wounded members of the FMLN repatriated in the peace process

In the week before the wedding, Diego wrestled with his longing invite his old friend, Juan, to the ceremony. But would he respond? had the separation of their paths ended their relationship forever?

Not until the night before the wedding service did Diego find courag enough to go to Juan's home. They hesitated, and then embrace Fully aware of the different roles each had played in the war, both we moved to tears to be reunited. The next day, Juan, his wife, and bab attended the wedding of Diego and Maria.

At the final prayer, representatives of different communities la hands on Maria and Diego in blessing. One of those who came forwa was an ex-FMLN commander, and another was Juan.

We thank God that, through our partnership with the Bapti Association in El Salvador, we can share in such moments reconciliation.


God has chosen
you

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
October 17, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Intermezzo from "Sonata No. 4"'*
Joseph Rheinberger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 68**
'I Sing the Mighty Power of God' ELLACOMBE

*** PSALTER CALL TO WORSHIP** **No. 108**
Psalm 148
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Ruth 1: 1 - 9a
Liturgist: Dr. Martin Shotzberger

ANTHEM *'The Lord Is the Strength of My Life'*
the Chancel Choir Tina English

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: We seek your mercy, O God. We yearn for the peace that heals and forgives. We are unworthy and guilty. In the name of the One who died on a cross for us forgive us, heal us, and renew us. Use us in service for Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

'Hear Our Prayer, O Lord'

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The Call to Give — Natalie Leuck

Offertory Anthem *'Adagio from "Sonata No. 5"'* Joseph Rheinberger

***Doxology** **No. 515**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication — Meg Wilkins

CHILDREN'S TIME — Pastor Aitcheson

'One more mile . . .'

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 489**

'I Would Be True' PEEK

Children GRADES TWO AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 22: 15 - 22

THE SERMON — Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'Beyond the Call of Duty'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No.375**
'Lead On, O King Eternal' LANCASHIRE

BENEDICTION PLEASE BE SEATED Gene Grier

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE *'Finale from "Fourth Symphony"'*
Charles M. Widor

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



BRUNSWICK STEW SALE
RIDAY, OCTOBER 22 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

College Exchange Club will offer its popular Brunswick Stew for sale on ctober 22 starting at 11:30 a.m. to dusk, at it's tent located opposite the on and at the Exchange Club on Route 100. The sale will continue on October 23, from 8:30 a.m. to sell-out.

sells for $3.50 per quart and may be frozen for future use. Because of its v quality, the supply is frequently sold out on Friday, so an early purchase nended. You may pre-order from members of the Exchange Club to arrange delivery.

from the sale help support various community activities such as Boy Scouts, cholarships, and assist in charitable causes.

nsideration for the cook---buy Brunswick Stew!

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ATTENTION! UCC LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1993
SHALLOWFORD UCC

ngton area UCC Laymen Fellowship Meeting will be at Shallowford UCC. The ill begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a program and meeting. Rev. Rollin Russell, ce Minister will be the guest speaker. Men of Elon College Community neet in South parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to carpool to Shallowford.

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FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

PASTA & SAUCES



REMINDERS:

Training for Callers for Stewardship Drive will begin at **7:30 p.m.** tonight in the Parish House.

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Trip to Shatley Springs for the **Fun, Enrichment Folk** on Saturday, October 23 will be leaving the church parking lot at **7:30 a.m. sharp!**

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TORCH DEADLINE: Monday, October 18th by Noon. Any iten received after this will go in the next issue. Thanks for your cooperation!



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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUNDAY, OCT 17

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Youth Council Meeting
4:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

MONDAY, OCT 18

7:00 p.m. Scouts

TUESDAY, OCT 19

9:30-10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous
7:30-9:30 p.m. Caregivers Training

WEDNESDAY, OCT 20

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY, OCT 21

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, OCT 22

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, OCT 23

7:30 a.m. Fun, Enrichment Folks Trip

The Holy Spirit was the active agent in my pastoral exchange with the Rev. Vicente Catalan of the Magatos United Church of Christ in the Philippines. The Spirit guided the choosing of the pastor and congregation in Mindanao, overcame government obstacles, and cleared the telephone lines at a critical moment. The Spirit also stirred both congregations to wonderful works of faith and labors of love, and continues to move them toward the steadfast hope of God's ways of justice, peace, and love.

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MISSION AS WIDE AS THE SEA

Not long ago, a local church moderator published the following message in his congregational newsletter:

"Just a couple of hundred yards down a quiet road from a large resort hotel on the south coast of the Hawaiian Island of Maui you come upon a small church. It sits in a garden-like spot with the ocean splashing on the lava rock and sand shore just a few steps away. The sign tells you that it is a Congregational Church that was founded in 1832.

"This must be one of those churches established by Congregational missionaries who came out to Hawaii from New England to convert the 'heathen.' Today, those missionaries are widely viewed as having done well for themselves, rather than good for the Hawaiians.

"This is not the impression that one gets from looking at the small church by the sea. The names on the headstones in the church yard are Hawaiian, indicating that several generations of the same families have worshipped in this church. While the message of the first missionaries to the Hawaiians may have been that their lifestyles were wrong, and the ways of New England-style Congregationalism were the only true path of salvation, there must have been something in the Christian message that was strong enough to keep this small church going in what remains a very remote part of our most remote state.

"As we consider mission projects for our own congregation, let us look for the good that will last, and benefit others, not just the activity that will make us feel good about ourselves."

To which can only be added: without the financial gifts of faithful church members, there would have been no mission in the Hawaiian islands.


God's
word
is at
work

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
October 31, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
REFORMATION SUNDAY

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PRELUDE *'A Mighty Fortress'* arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 363**
'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God' Ein'Feste Burg

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Gather in the loving security of God's Love!
P: Worship God in heartfelt song and quiet prayer.
L: Seek the Spirit and Gifts God's Word brings!
P: Praise the God who gives us life and blessings.
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Psalm 127
Liturgist: Shannon Albertson

ANTHEM *'Sanctus'* Charles Gounod
Tom Conally, soloist; Chancel Choir

SHARE THE JOY **A Stewardship Moment**

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: On this Reformation Sunday, we call upon your name, O God. We seek forgiveness because we have revelled in our separateness and have forgotten the unity of the Body of Christ. We need your reformation as individuals and as the Church. Turn us from evil prejudices and open us to hear your truth in the many languages of creeds and tradition. Move your Spirit over us that we might all be one in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!
(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

'Write Your Name Upon My Heart'

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The Call to Give — Drew McLelland
Offertory Anthem *'Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies'* arr. Garth Edmundson

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication — Jeff Wilkins

CHILDREN'S TIME — Pastor Aitcheson

'Stand-fors!'

***HYMN OF FAITH** — **No. 416**

'Christian Arise and Act Thy Creed'

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THE GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 23: 1 - 12

THE SERMON — Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'Protest!'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** — **No.353**

'Lord, I Want to be a Christian' — Spiritual

BENEDICTION — PLEASE BE SEATED

CHORAL RESPONSE *'A Gaelic Blessing'* — John Rutter

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE *'Built on the Rock'*

arr. G. Winston Cassler

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOV. 1

7:00 p.m. Scouts

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

9:30 -10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Circle 3 Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY, NOV. 4

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, NOV. 5

5:00 p.m. College Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Special Fridays
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 31, 1993

1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Christian church has faced hostility since its very beginnings, as i Thessalonica. Anabaptists were imprisoned, tortured, and burne during the Reformation. The church was driven to compromises i Russia and underground in China. Yet the word of God works throug little groups that gather in homes or places of refuge, even at grea risk. Such faithfulness gives witness to the power of God's workin hand. And the whole church can rejoice in that faithful witness an glorify God.

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
The Federated Church
Morris, MN

REFORMATION DAY

Four hundred and seventy-six years ago today, the eve of All Sain Day, a German priest named Martin Luther nailed ninety-fiv propositions, or "theses," to the Wittenberg church door. The rest, a they say, is history.

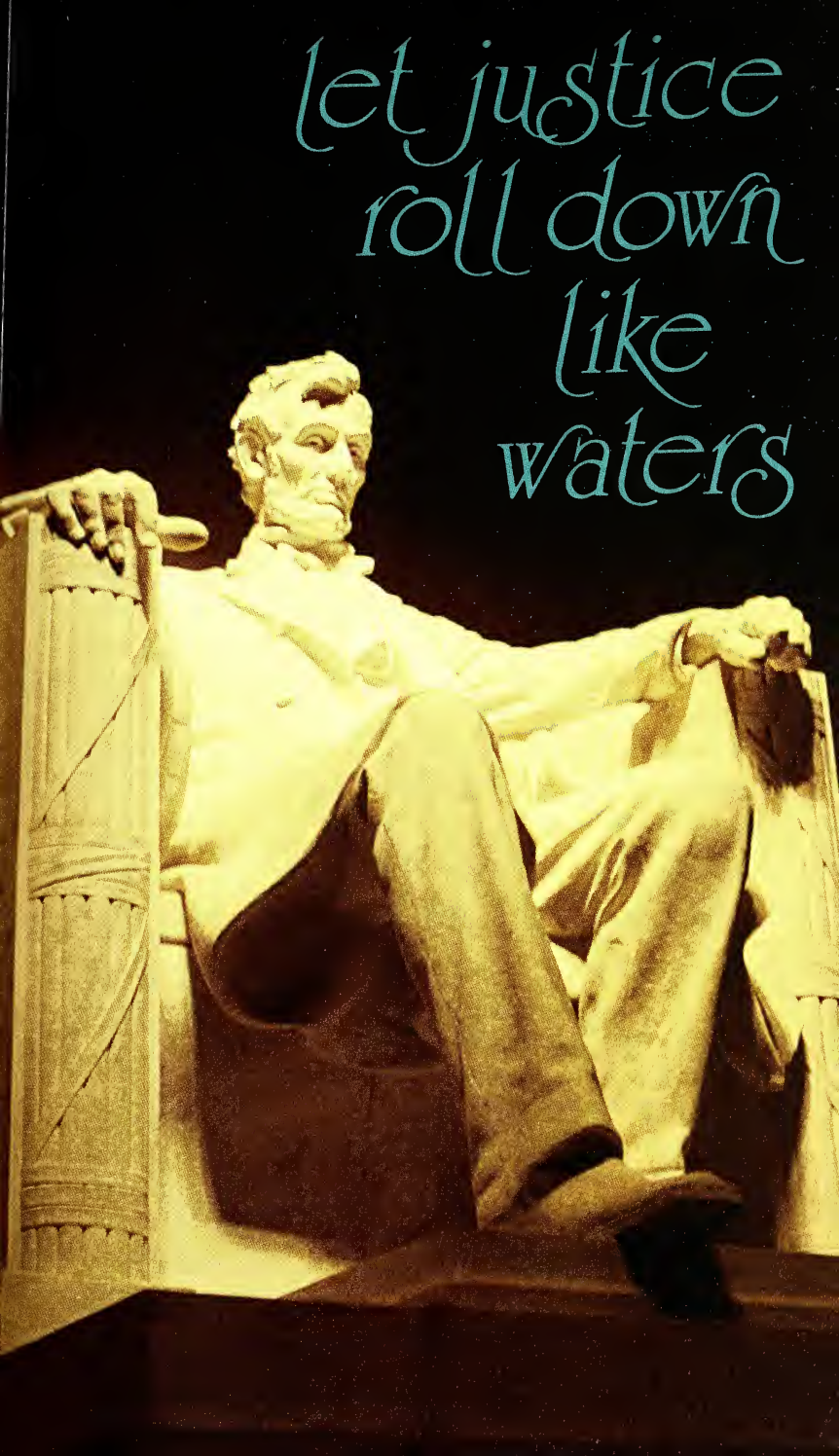
The Reformation is the movement whose legacy continues to defi our lives as modern Christians.

In the centuries before Luther, the church had evolved into th mediating agency between God and humanity, preaching that salvatio came only through the sacraments it administered. The Reformatio freed the individual believer from reliance upon outside intercessio "Who can accept or apply for another the promise of God whi requires faith of each individually?" Luther demanded.

Before Luther, all Christians went to confession—because on ordained priests could grant absolution of sin. In rejecting th mediating power of ecclesiastical authorities, the Reformation ma priests of all believers. "A simple layperson, armed with scripture, is be believed above a pope or a council without it," Luther declared.

Before Luther, the church not only divided Christians into clergy a laity, but insisted that the former were superior. The Reformati taught that all worthy occupations are holy. The call of God comes each person at the common tasks, Luther said. Did not the ang summon humble shepherds to the Nativity? And didn't the shepher return to their flocks afterward?

We affirm the basic teachings of the Reformation every day in o worship and work lives.


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Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
November 7, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
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PRELUDE *"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimms"*
J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT *"Great Art Thou"* Alice Jordan

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **verses 1 - 4** **No. 345**
'Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart' MARION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Why hide it?
P: Let your light shine!
L: Why bury it?
P: Let your light shine before all people!
L: Let Christ's light shine in you!
P: In worship and in life!
L: Let us pray . . .
(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 50: 7 - 15
Liturgist: Heather Dillashaw

ANTHEM *'Festival Piece on "Saint Anne"'*
Eugene Butter

SHARE THE JOY **A Stewardship Moment**
Mrs. Ellie Ketcham

***THE STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** (inside back cover of hymnal)

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION

The Call to Confession

Our Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession:

UNISON: Search us and know us, Redeemer, God, as we approach the Table of your Love and Grace. If there be evil desire or intent in our lives, cleanse us. If we are found in selfishness and conceit, give us a new focus. If we are proud and vain, humble us. Nurture us by the healing of Christ's forgiveness and the Good News of your Word. In Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

'"O Loving Father"'

MISSION MOMENT

Elon Homes for Children -Liz Aitcheson

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Kim Aquilano

Offertory Anthem *'My Heart Is Filled With Longing'* J. S. Bach

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication — Claire Welborn

CHILDREN'S TIME — Arch Aitcheson

"The Table of Love"

***HYMN OF FAITH** — **Insert**

'They'll Know We Are Christians'

Children GRADES 2 AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 25: 1 - 13

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'Prepared to Let Our Own Light Shine'

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation *'The Body of Our Lord'* — R. Copeland
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN OF MISSION** — **No. 260**

'Let Us Break Bread Together'

BENEDICTION Please be seated . . .

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE *'Scherzo from "Second Symphonie"'*
Louis Vierne

*You are invited to stand at these moments

REMINDER: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH - BUDGET STEWARDSHIP MEETING IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

"For Unto Whom Much is given..."

On Sunday, November 14 our worship will focus on our relationship with Christ and with one another as we dedicate our Stewardship Pledges for 1994. We who have received so many blessings at Elon College Community Church will be able to celebrate the unity of our service and mission in this family of faith. It is hoped that all pledges will be turned in by Nov. 12 for the service of dedication. Give generously, because God has been generous to you!

"...Much is Required!"

Supporting Today's Youth: The Vision of Elon Homes for Children

Today's Youth need a new vision for care and understanding. Troubled children and youth are still coming to Elon Homes. They need help that is unlike that given to generations before them. A safe, affirming environment is what Elon Homes offer. We are an extension of that ministry. Make a special gift today for the sake of Today's young lives!

"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share."

I Timothy 6:18 (NASB)

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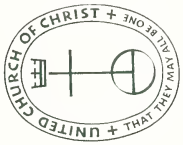
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THURSDAY, NOV. 11

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Terrific Thursdays Program
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5:00 p.m. College Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Special Fridays
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7-10:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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WEEKLY CALENDAR - SUNDAY, NOV.7

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Confirmation
5:00 p.m. Grief Support Group/Middle Highs
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir
8:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism

MONDAY, NOV.8

7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts
7:30 p.m. Budget/ Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, NOV. 9

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Lay Caregiver Training

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 7, 1993

Amos 5:24

Be prepared, says Jesus.
Encourage one another, says Paul.
Act on it now, says Amos, with justice for the powerless.
Let it be done with the energy of a surging torrent.
Let it be done in response to your neighbor's need.
Let it be done without ceremony.
Let it be done with steadfast faithfulness.
But do it.

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YOU ARE THERE

At the request of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, the Rev Jeffrey Phillips of the United Church of Christ in the U.S.A. serves as chaplain at the Mt. Silinda and Beacon Hill secondary schools in East Africa. Last year, Jeffrey was chosen as one of five delegates representing the UCCZ at the sixth assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches. Here is his report:

"It was simply delightful to be with more than one thousand African Christians from diverse national and confessional backgrounds. There were Orthodox from Egypt, Baptists from Liberia, Quakers from Kenya, Lutherans from Madagascar, Presbyterians from Malawi, Methodists from Burundi, 'Independents' from Swaziland, and Anglicans from everywhere. The mix of people meant varied worship services, languages, and opinions. But God's Holy Spirit worked wonders in helping us bridge differences, find common ground, be considerate of one another, and praise the Lord with one voice. Amazing grace!

"The assembly was organized around four sub-themes: Vision and Hope; Justice and Peace; Integrity of Creation; and Participation of All God's People. Certain issues continually came to the fore in sermons, Bible studies, plenary and discussion groups: abundant life for women and youth; democracy and the effects on Africa of the end of the Cold War; Christian-Muslim relations; civil conflicts; devastating poverty; the increase in the number of refugees on the continent; and the need for the Christian church in Africa to be 'transparent' to itself and the world while also being true to its 'African-ness.'

"The person I will remember most was the AACC President since 1987, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa. Diminutive and humble, Tutu had a way of bringing tired delegates to life, bickering delegates to consensus, and late delegates to worship on time! What way was this? Humor, prayer, flexibility, unpredictability and flattery. Of course, just being Desmond Tutu also helped!"

Through our representatives like Jeffrey Phillips, we can be there when our partners gather.

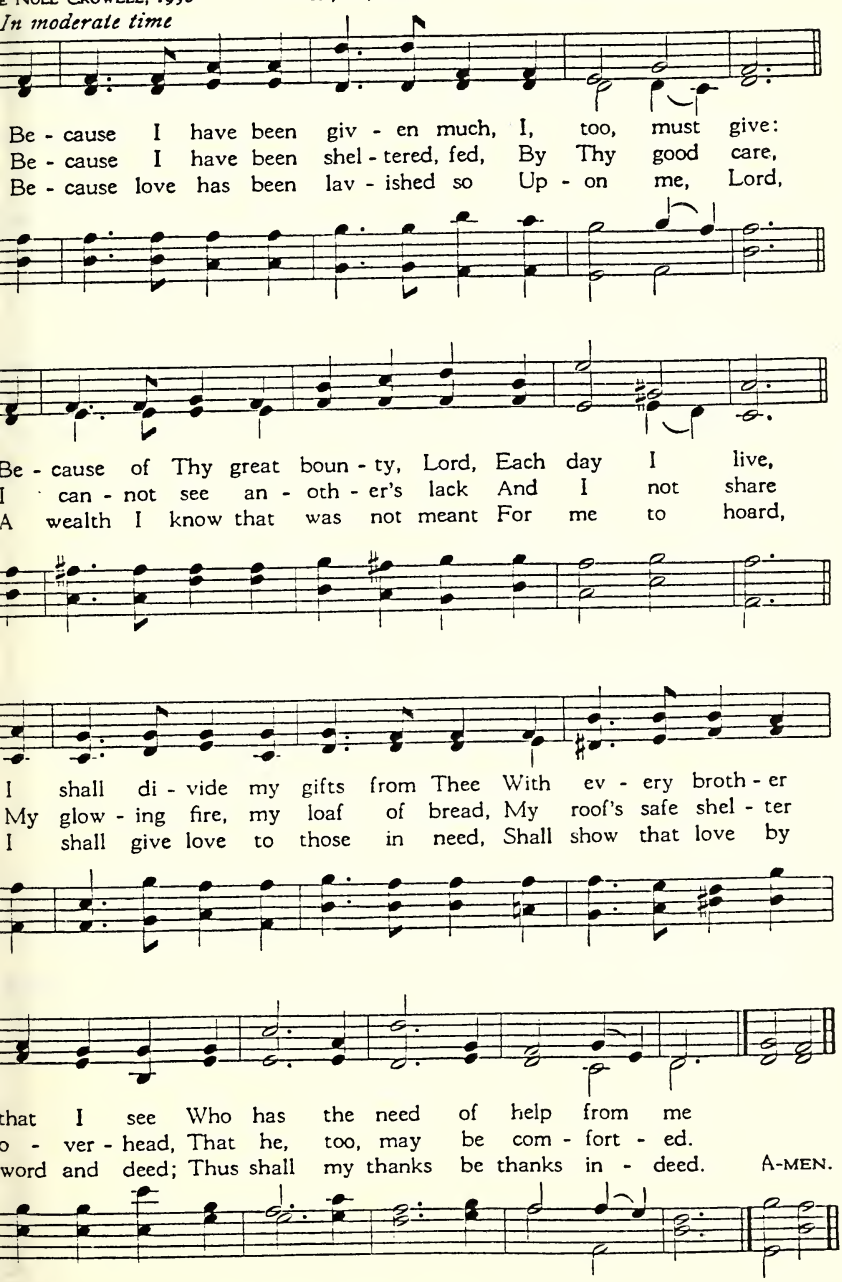
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Elon College Community Church
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Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
November 14, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Mornin
Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
STEWARDSHIP & RELATIONSHIP SUNDAY
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PRELUDE "Invocation" Alec Rowl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT ***"Spirit of the Living God"*** Ivers

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No.**
'Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above' LLANFA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Awaken to this day of God's Creation!
P: Sing out praises and songs of thanksgiving!
L: Worship the God who gives you everything!
P: Celebrate the Christ who gave life for our lives!
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON I Thessalonians 5: 1 - 1
Liturgist: Dr. J. Fred Young

ANTHEM *'What Will We Promise'* Don Bes

SHARE THE JOY **A Stewardship Moment**
Mr. Ray Covington

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: This is the Sunday when we demonstrate our love for you, O God. We pledge our lives, our talents and our resources with you. You have given us more than we deserve. We return so little in response. Forgive us when we value our relationship with things and pleasures more than we value our relationship with you. Forgive us when we serve our own selfish needs and deny the mandate of Christ to be servants of all. Make us cheerful givers and faithful followers. In Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Matt Mayse

Offertory Anthem *'O Lord Most Holy' Cesar Franck*
***Doxology**
*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Matthew Woody

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson
'Talent Saving!'

***HYMN OF FAITHFULNESS** **FRONT OF THE BULLETIN**
'Thy Great Bounty'
Children GRADES TWO AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25: 14 - 30

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'An Investment of Faith'

DEDICATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP PLEDGES
Report of the Stewardship Campaign - Mr. Jim Lyon
Presenting of the pledges - Dr. Martin Shotzberger
Prayer of Consecration
Token of our Covenant

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No. 29**
'Now Thank We All Our God'

BENEDICTION PLEASE BE SEATED
R.Schultz
PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE *'Prelude in F Minor'* J.S. Bach

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOV. 14

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Christian Education Board
4:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOV. 15

7:00 p.m. Scouts
7:30 p.m. Stewardship/Budget Committee

TUESDAY, NOV. 16

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Caregiver's Training

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons



For Unto Whom Much is Given . . .

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 14, 1993

QUESTIONS

"How much should I give?" "Do I have to tithe?" "Is it okay to tithe?"

On this Stewardship Sunday, questions like these are being asked by members from all around the country as they make decisions concerning their support of the mission and ministry of the United Church of Christ. While there are no easy answers, General Synod has suggested that we consider the following as we make decisions about our gifts:

Do systematic family budgeting based upon responsible Christian decisions about the fair management of resources, balancing care for your family and household with prudent and faithful preparation for the future, and with giving for the mission of the church and the needs of others. Give consideration to the principles of proportional giving in response to God's blessings and to the goal of giving at least ten percent of annual income for the mission and ministry of the church.

Examine your personal and family lifestyle, simplifying where necessary. Try to develop a lifestyle that finds happiness and fulfillment in service to God rather than in the acquisition of possessions and status.

Evaluate your use of work and leisure, seeking health and wholeness in the light of God's will for our own good and for our service to others.

Look at the ways you invest your resources and the impact those investments have for peace, justice, and the wholeness of the environment.

So, how much should you give? The size of your gift should be consistent with, and adequately reflect, the values you have acquired through your faith experience.


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eighbor as yourself.

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
October 24, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Meditation'* Hugh McAmis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF ADORATION** **No. 204**
'Rejoice, The Lord is King' DARWALL'S 148

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: The whole of Creation stands on tiptoe. . .
P: Waiting to see the Glory of God revealed to all;
L: Let us praise God and gather in Jesus' name . . .
P: As we answer the call to worship and prayer.
L: Let us pray . . .(Congregation seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Psalm 128
Liturgist: Mrs. Mary Ruth

ANTHEM *'All Good Gifts'* Natalie Sleeth
The Chancel Choir

SHARE THE JOY A Stewardship Moment
Dr. Carole Troxler

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION

The Call to Confession

Our Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession:

UNISON: Lord, hear our humble prayers of confession as we come to you in this fellowship of faith. We are in constant need of your guidance. We are sinful in nature. We are selfish and cruel. We are unfaithful and spiteful. Hear our confession and forgive us. Call us to the way of Christ. Affirm us in his love. Make us agents of his Good News. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

'Hear Our Prayer, O Lord'

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Call to Give Lydia Troxler

Offertory Anthem *'Prelude on "What A Friend"'* Gordon Young

***Doxology** **No. 515**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Elizabeth Mayse

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 335**
'What A Friend We Have In Jesus' **ERIE**

Children GRADES 2 AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22: 34 - 36

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson
'What Really Counts!'

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No. 295**
'Christ for the World We Sing!' ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION Please be seated . . .

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
'Go forth In Joy' Alice Jordan
PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE
'Toccata-Finale' Vito Carnevali

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WEEKLY CALENDAR - SUNDAY, OCT. 24

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

MONDAY, OCT. 25

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Mission Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. A.A. Mtg.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Photo Directory Training
4:00 p.m. Terrific Thursdays Program

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 1993

Matthew 22:37, 39

Death had come to the house. The family gathered to grieve Neighbors brought food. The neighbor next door came to the house quietly gathered the family's shoes, took them home, and brough them back all polished, ready for the funeral service. Just as our lives are interwoven with our neighbors, so God is involved in our lives Jesus tells us that there are not two realms, divine and human. There is one. It is the realm of love.

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
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UNITED NATIONS DAY

The United Nations was formed from the ashes of two world wars only a couple of months after the nuclear devastation of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" and to "reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights."

Now in its forty-ninth year, the United Nations has not had an easy time. Its founding members, many of whom collaborated as wartime allies, found peacetime cooperation difficult. "Collective security became a hostage of the Cold War," Secretary-General Boutros Boutrous-Ghali has said.

But now the Cold War has ended without ever becoming World War III. Instead, there has been an explosion of regional conflict. Never before have so many demands been made upon the United Nations' resources, not just for peacemaking and peacekeeping, but also to assist democratic institutions in developing countries, to provide humanitarian aid to people caught in political conflict and natural disasters, and to coordinate care for more than thirty million refugees and displaced persons.

In this new era, governments are seeking UN assistance in resolving long-standing conflicts. Agreements are crafted based upon recognition of common principles and legitimate interests. The UN's technical assistance and research capabilities are called on to implement and verify agreements. There is growing understanding that many of the world's problems require international cooperation and growing respect for the UN's capacity to foster it.

At the same time, the United States has become the unrivaled military and economic power of the world. With this power comes great responsibility, and the church is called to advocate for U.S. policy decisions that support UN efforts to build a world of peace and security for all God's children.

Verna Rapp Uthman
Office for Church in Society


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Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
November 21, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE *'Now Thank We All Our God'* arr. Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No. 251**
'Holy, Holy, Holy' NICEA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: The Divine Shepherd cares for each of us!
P: We are not left abandoned or alone.
L: We are gathered as one flock,
P: And guided in his love and his Word!
L: Let us worship God in prayer.
(The Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Ezekiel 34: 11 -16
Liturgist: Alicia Crotts

ANTHEM *'Psalm 150'* Cesar Franck

SHARE THE JOY **A Stewardship Moment**
Mr. Drew McLelland

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Lord, Jesus, we have seen you naked and hungry, sick and imprisoned, alone and forgotten, and we have not ministered unto you. We have turned away. We have refused to see or to acknowledge the pain. We see the sadness in your eyes when we see our brothers and sisters in such deplorable conditions. We have turned away. Can you, the Good Shepherd, forgive us? Can you save us? Is there hope for us? Show us the way, O Christ, in the mercy of God. Make us responsive and caring. Forgive us and use us for the sake of your realm and your love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

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P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

'Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer'

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The Call to Give Jeff Wilkins

Offertory Anthem *'Now Thank We All Our God'*
arr. Garth Edmundson

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication David Brown

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson

'Saying Thanks!'

***HYMN OF FAITH** **No.21**

'We Gather Together' KREMSER

Children GRADES TWO AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25: 31-46

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'Job Descriptions. . .'

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No.462**

'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come' St. GEORGE

BENEDICTION PLEASE BE SEATED

CHORAL RESPONSE

'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' John Rutter

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE

'Now Thank We All Our God' arr. S. Karg-Elert

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE





POINSETTIAS!!!

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Hospice Sabbath Weekend

November 19 - 21, 1993

November is National Hospice Month in our nation. It is set aside to recognize and celebrate the dedication of the professionals and volunteers who provide hospice care to those with incurable illness.

Hospice care offers a special way of caring for these persons and their families by enabling patients to live comfortably and peacefully in their own homes during the last months of their lives. By offering quality, professional medical care, as well as comfort and support to both the patient and family, hospice recognizes and respects the dignity and worth of every individual.

Because the emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families are considered to be important in terminal care, hospice has a team of chaplains and bereavement counselors available to provide grief support and spiritual counsel to those who request it. Those who provide this support honor the values and beliefs of the patients and families and work in consultation with the families' clergy and communities of faith to assure cooperation in care.

Hospice is deeply indebted to the community that supports its mission. Without the support of churches and civic organizations that so generously offer their time, gifts of the heart, and financial assistance, hospice would not be able to offer help to those in need.

Hospice cares not only about dying, but about living - living with dignity and quality of life when the quantity is known to be limited. Through the dedication of some very special hospice professionals and volunteers, hospice ensures that the needs of incurably ill patients and families are met with love and compassion.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUNDAY, NOV. 21

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Council
4:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOV. 23

9:30 -10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Missions Board Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service
First Baptist Church of Elon College
8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY, NOV. 25 - THANKSGIVING DAY -

FRIDAY, NOV. 26

Church Office Closed

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 21, 1993
Psalm 23:1

Many are the unquiet pools in the world.
Many there are who need to be given living water and fed.
Many there are who need to be welcomed and visited.
May we join the Shepherd who supplies our need, and be inspired t
supply the needs of others, so that we may join Isaac Watts in singin
"O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise. Ther
would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more
stranger or a guest, but like a child at home."

Rev. Jerry P. Hankins
The Federated Church
Morris, MN

A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

What is the UCC Hunger Action program? Fundamentally, it is
partnership effort.

The Hunger Action partnership begins with and depends upon th
local church and its members, seeking to meet specific needs in the
own communities through soup kitchens and food pantries. Th
partnership expands when congregations engage in prayer and rais
the issues of hunger and poverty within their worship life. Th
partnership is broadened further when members contribute to the UC
Hunger Action Fund. In doing so, they become partners with:

* A group of low-income persons in Vermont who raise their ov
voices to address economic justice issues in the state legislature.

* An interfaith group that works for affordable housing in Minneapol
where over 26,000 poor families spend more than half of their limit
incomes on rent.

* A non-profit agency in Salt Lake City that feeds over 32,0
persons a year while calling for business and government to pay mo
than the poverty wage, provide health insurance, and work f
affordable housing.

* The unincorporated communities along the border in Texas where
community group develops leadership and organizes women so th
can improve their lives and those of their families, especially th
children.

* The farm worker community in Florida whose homes and livelihoo
were lost in the devastation of Hurricane Andrew.

The partnership continues when UCC members join in the ongoi
efforts of the Campaign to End Childhood Hunger. With one in eve
eight American children hungry, the Campaign needs our full support

Rev. Steven Nunn-Miller
UCC Hunger Action Program


Keep awake

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
November 28, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
First Sunday in Advent
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PRELUDE *"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"*
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT ***"An Advent Prayer"*** Allen Pote

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Scripture Hebrews 1: 1 - 2a
Reading "Behold A Branch"
Lighting of the "Prophecy Candle" (purple)

*HYMN OF FAITH INSERT
'The Holly and the Ivy' verse 1

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

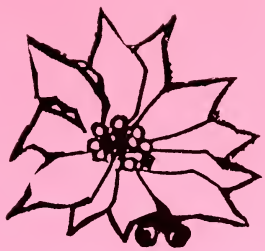
PSALTER LESSON Psalm 80
Liturgist: Mr. Brian Rose

ANTHEM *'He Comes to Us!'* Jane Marshall

SHARE THE JOY Mr. Louis Wilkins

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
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Personal Prayers of Confession





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Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: This season is helpful, Lord. We are called to examine our lives and our ministries as we wait and watch for the "Anointed One". The pace can be too fast. The mixed messages can be confusing. We need to be reminded that we watch for the one to be named "He Saves." We confess our sinful ways and seek renewal and forgiveness. Show us mercy, God of Abraham. Grant us renewal and hope, Spirit of Advent. For we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"

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The Call to Give Leigh Ann Batten

Offertory Anthem *'Behold, A Rose Is Blooming"* Johannes Brahms

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Hope Martin

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson

***HYMN OF FAITHFULNESS** **No. 107**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" verses 1 & 2

Children GRADES TWO AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13: 32 - 37

THE SERMON Rev. Arch Aitcheson

'Watching for What?'

***HYMN OF MISSION** **No. 110**

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' VENI EMMANUEL

BENEDICTION PLEASE BE SEATED

R.Schultz

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

*THE POSTLUDE *'Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme'*

J.S. Bach

*ALL ARE INVITED TO STAND

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The Christmas wreaths on the front doors are given in loving memory of Maude Sharpe Powell and Thomas Edward Powell, Jr. by their family.

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5:00 p.m. Grief Support Group at Parker's
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOV. 29
7:00 p.m. Scouts
7:30 p.m. Stewardship/Budget Committee

TUESDAY, NOV. 30
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, DEC. 2
7:30 a.m Breakfast Club

FRIDAY, DEC. 3
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon - Hanging of Greens
6:00 p.m. Special Fridays
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 1993

Mark 13:35

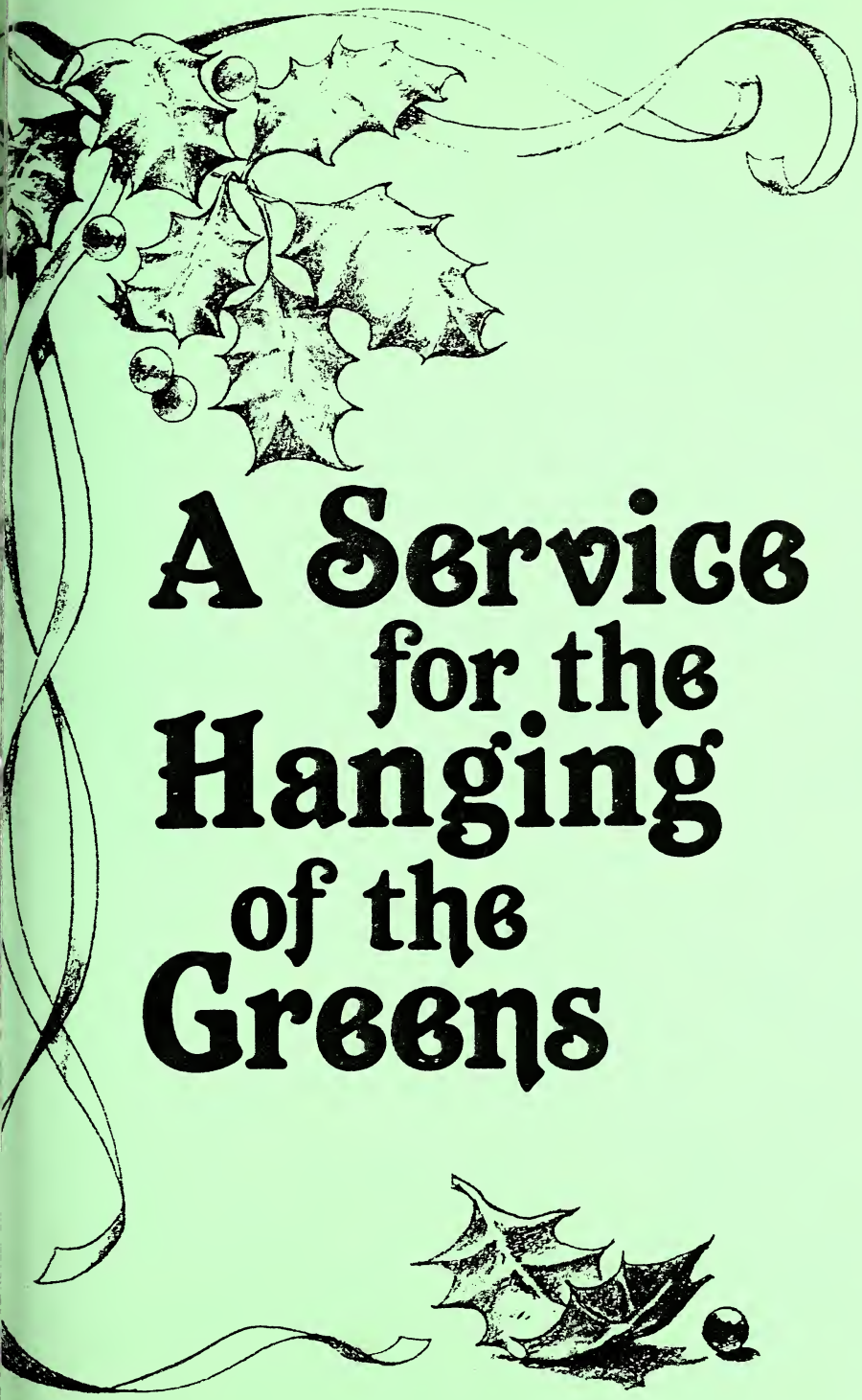
Have you ever watched and waited past the expected, planned scheduled time of arrival? You are a parent, and your child was supposed to be home, but as the time came and passed, you waited up, kept wide awake. In fact, you couldn't sleep. Or a friend was due at the airport, and as the evening storm clouds gathered, and the flight was delayed, first for a few minutes, then for hours, you stayed awake. Then, there was the time you waited at the hospital for word from surgery. "It'll take two hours," the surgeon had said. Two hours turned into four, and you kept awake.

If you can identify with the poignancy of such expectant waiting when all our attempts to predict and our needs to schedule have been shattered, then you have some sense of the urgency implied in Jesus' words to the disciples: "Beware, keep awake; for you do not know when the time will come.... What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake" (Mark 13:33, 35).

Jesus is talking about the Advent of God, the coming of God into the midst of all that our lives are about. If we knew the exact time and place, we could easily be prepared—a good night's sleep beforehand, all debts paid, all trespasses forgiven, all those nagging loose-ends tied up, all in our places with bright shining faces, clean hands and pure hearts. "But about that day or hour no one knows...," except God, so "keep awake...lest God come suddenly and find you asleep," unprepared for Advent.

How does one prepare for the surprise of God's coming? Only by being always prepared, always open, always expectant, always awake. Advent is outside our assumptions of cause and effect, off schedule, a gift of grace. Stay tuned. Keep awake.

Rev. Homer D. Henderson
Claremont Congregational Church
Claremont, CA



A Service for the Hanging of the Greens

A Service for the
HANGING OF THE GREENS
Elon College Community Church

December 3, 1993

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Scripture Lesson Psalm 150

Carol No. 110

Benediction

Ringing of the Bells


Prepare the way

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
December 5, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Second Sunday in Advent

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PRELUDE *"Carol Prelude on 'Greensleeves'"* **S. Wright**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT ***"An Advent Prayer"*** Allen Pote
Scripture Micah 5: 2
Reading "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Lighting of the "Prophecy & Bethlehem Candles"

***HYMN OF FAITH** **INSERT**
'The Holly and the Ivy' verses 1 & 2

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

***CAROL** **No. 131**
"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Es Ist Ein'Ros'

SHARE THE JOY Mr. Howard Edgerton

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: It's Advent, God. The prophet calls us to shout Good News from the mountain tops. We are

excited about the message. We are amazed at the promise of a Savior! You call us to prepare the way for Jesus in our hearts. We prepare . . . but often for the wrong reasons and for the wrong events. In our business help us to discover the small, powerful witness of the birth of our God in a tiny baby. Forgive our shallow celebrations and challenge us to be prepared for Christ, our Hope Eternal! Amen.

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The Call to Give — Chris Harris

Offertory Anthem

"Prelude:'The Coventry Carol'" K. Walton

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication — Matthew Woody

CHILDREN'S TIME — Pastor Aitcheson

"Getting ready . . . "

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Chancel Choir

The Rev. Barry Raker, Reader Betty Walker, Director

FIRST READING
***CAROL** **No. 134**
'O Little Town of Bethlehem' Congregation & Choir

SECOND READING
CAROL **arr. C.H. Trevor**
'The Angels and the Shepherds' Chancel Choir

THIRD READING
***CAROL stanzas 1 - 4** **No. 146**
'While Shepherds Watched' Congregation & Choir

FOURTH READING
CAROL **Hector Berlioz**
'The Shepherd's Farewell' Chancel Choir

FIFTH READING
CAROL **Carlton Young**
'Hush You, My Baby' Chancel Choir; Kara Morely, solo

SIXTH READING
CAROL **Melody Schlittenhard**
'Bethlehem's Star' Chancel Choir; Alyssa Lovell, solo

SEVENTH READING
CAROL **Gustav Holst**
'Christmas Day' Chancel Choir; Dana Passwaters, Becky Mitchell, John Stepp, soloists
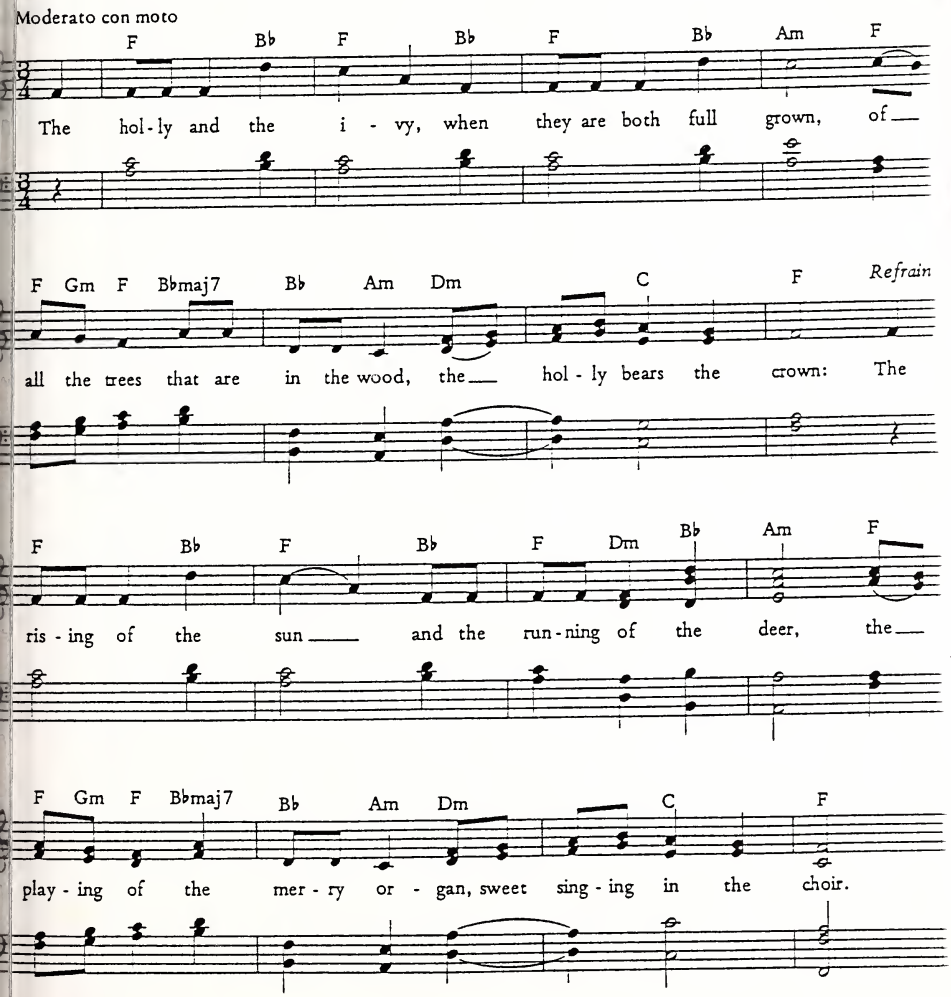
EIGHTH READING
PRAYER
***CAROL** **No. 138**
'Silent Night' Chancel Choir & Congregation

BENEDICTION & CHIMES PLEASE BE SEATED
POSTLUDE *'Carol Rhapsody'* Richard Purvis

The Holly and the Ivy

Words: Traditional English · Music: Traditional English

times, when reference was made in song or verse to "holly" or "ivy," the meaning was symbol:
od for the male, ivy for the female.
was the custom in England with the old Christmas songs, this carol was printed on sheets calle
des" for all the people to sing.



1. The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown:

Refrain:
The rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

2. The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Savior:

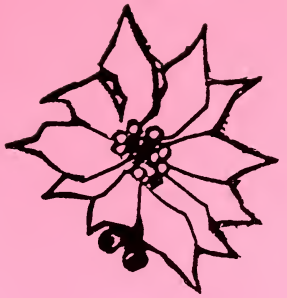
3. The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good:

4. The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn:

5. The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all:

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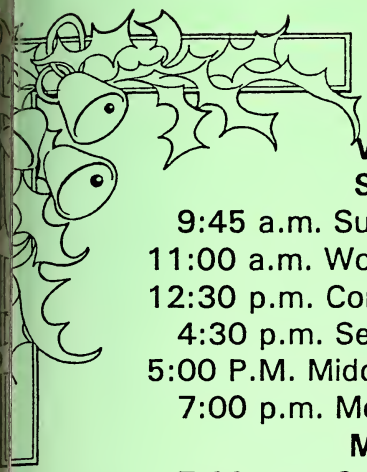
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Fellowship
5:00 P.M. Middle High Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Moravian Love Feast

MONDAY, DEC. 6

7:00 p.m. Scouts
7:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship Mtg.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Pastor Parish Relations
7:30 p.m. Board of Missions

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, DEC. 10

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

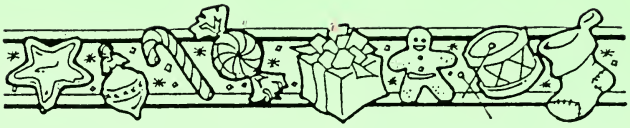
SATURDAY, DEC. 11

6:00 p.m. A Norman Rockwell Christmas
Progressive Supper
Tickets required in advance!

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

NOON: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

All members of the Elon College Community Church United Church of Christ are hereby called to a congregational meeting to be held on DECEMBER 12, 1993 immediately following worship to adopt a budget for 1994 and to elect Boards and Officers of the Church.



CHRISTMAS CHEER!

It's that time of year again to extend the good feelings of Christmastide to others who are unable to provide such cheer for themselves. Through the regional Christmas Cheer program our church family has agreed to sponsor five families in need this year. Sybil White (584-6495) and Gertrude Liscum (o.538-6030; h. 584-8743) will head this year's project. YOU are needed to provide unwrapped, new clothing, food items, and toys for the families described below. Please call Sybil or Gertrude and give of yourself for Christmas!

Be sure to label your gifts accordingly.

Family No.	Age	Sex	Clothing size	Shoe size
536	32	F	Medium	7 1/2
	7	F	ch. 6	12
	5	M	ch. 5	11
541	27	M	32/32 Medium	9W
	25	F	30/30 Med./Lg	8 1/2
	8	M	10 reg/10-12	2 1/2
	6	F	8 reg./ 7-8	1 1/2
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544	39	M	34 Medium	7 1/2
	39	F	Large	7 1/2
	13	M	28 Medium	7 1/2
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	5	F	6 - 7	8 1/2
543	21	F	9-10 Medium	7
	6	M	5-6	14
	3	M	4	8 1/2
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Child Care during worship today: Jimma Causey/Jamie Brown. Next week: Marie Wilkins/Marie Acquilano.
Nursery today: Sue Brown/Shannon Albertson. Next week: Susan Barbee/Lydia Troxler.

ATTENTION! CAST OF CHRISTMAS PLAY...
Please mark your calendars for Rehearsal Dates!

Sunday, December 5 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. - EVERYONE
Sunday, December 12 - 5:00-6:30 p.m. - EVERYONE

Please work on your speaking parts on your own and try to have them learned by the December 5th rehearsal.

Thank you from Betty Walker.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 1993

Mark 1:3

Preparing the path for the One who comes involves clearing away clutter, leveling uneven land, rounding out rough curves; in short, making it easier for God to get to me. Preparing, then, is not about furiously making ready, creating more chores to clutter my calendar. Rather, preparing a way is about doing less, making room, clearing out, cutting away. It's about making it simple for the One who comes to come clear into my heart.

Rev. Susan Virginia Hull
Circular Congregational Church
Charleston, SC

HEALING IN THE HIMALAYAS

Lying astride the towering Himalaya Mountains, for centuries the legendary land of Nepal was virtually closed to the outside world. When missionaries were finally admitted, they discovered not utopia but poverty, malnutrition, and disease in the remote kingdom.

On this Health and Welfare Sunday, we focus on the medical ministries they started high in the Himalayas. Today the United Mission to Nepal operates four hospitals which provide healing care to people like a young boy named Maiti. This is his story, as told by Myles and Barbara Walburn, United Church Board for World Ministries missionaries:

Maiti lay on his mat in the tiny hut, his whole body convulsed by violent spasms of coughing. Nearby, his mother watched helplessly as day by day her son grew weaker. The village sorcerer had come, but Maiti had not improved. What could be done now?

"Take Maiti to the Mission Hospital," her neighbor advised. Maiti stirred at the mention of a hospital, but his mother worried about the costs. "Oh no," the neighbor replied, "it is not expensive."

At the hospital, the doctor carefully examined Maiti and then told his parents the diagnosis: tuberculosis. The long treatment would begin with a week's stay in the hospital, and then rest at home for many weeks afterward.

When Maiti was strong enough to go home, his mother was asked to pay 125 rupees, less than three dollars. Even that modest expense would put a strain on the family's poor resources, but she realized that it represented much less than the cost of the care Maiti had received in the hospital. What she didn't realize was that the difference was made up from a special mission fund.

The United Church Board for World Ministries supports the United Mission to Nepal along with our partner, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).


Rejoice always

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
December 12, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morni
Third Sunday in Advent

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PRELUDE *"Fantasia on English Carols"* R. V. Willi
"Meditation on 'What Child Is This?' Mark Blo
"Christmas Carol Fantasy" Stanley R. McD
Adult Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT ***"An Advent Prayer"*** Allen Pote
Scripture Luke 2:17 -
Reading **"The First Noel"**
Lighting of the "Prophecy,Bethlehem & Shepherd Candles"

***HYMN OF FAITH** **INS**
'The Holly and the Ivy' verses 1, 2 & 3

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON Isaiah 61: 1-4; 8
Liturgist: Brian Rose

SHARE THE JOY Mr. Drew McLelland

***CAROL** No. 116
"Angels We Have Heard On High" GLORIA

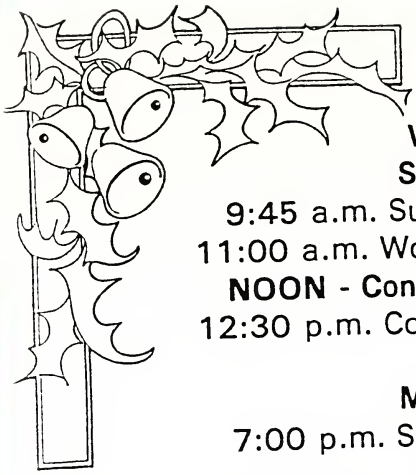
SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

1. The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown:

Refrain:
The rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

2. The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Savior:

3. The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good:



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
NOON - Congregational Meeting
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

MONDAY, DEC. 13

7:00 p.m. Scouts

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, DEC. 16

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Alamance Co. Caring & Sharing

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

5:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Supper and
All Church Caroling!

All members of the Elon College Community Church United Church of Christ are hereby called to a congregational meeting to be held on DECEMBER 12, 1993 immediately following worship to adopt a budget for 1994 and to elect Boards and Officers of the Church.

UNISON: Like Shepherds we wait and watch for the coming of the Savior. We go about our day to day work, Lord, and often we forget what we are about. We are so busy, we fail to see the star of grace, or we fail to hear the angelic song. We are selfish and spiteful. We judge others, failing to see our own sinful ways. We guard what we have, but lose sight of your call for us to "shepherd" the lost and forgotten. Forgive us this Advent. Awaken us to the angel's call. Show us mercy and make us merciful. In the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

Anthem *'Joy to the World'* Carol

Junior Handbell Choir

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

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The Call to Give Marie Acquilano

Offertory Anthem *'Christmas Joy'*

Adult Handbell Choir Cynthia Dobrinski

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Natalie Leuck

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Aitcheson

***HYMN** **No. 149**
"I Know Not How That Bethlehem's Babe" BANGOR

Children GRADES TWO AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1: 6 - 9; 19 - 28

THE SERMON **Rev. Arch Aitcheson**
"What's In It For Me?"

***CAROL** **No. 140**
"What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES

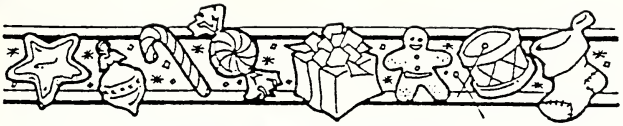
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Fantasia on 'Adeste Fidelis'"*
Geoffrey Shaw

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*ALL ARE INVITED TO STAND

REMINDER: TORCH articles due for the January Torch by Monday, December 13!



CHRISTMAS CHEER!

It's that time of year again to extend the good eelings of Christmastide to others who are unable to rovide such cheer for themselves. Through the egional Christmas Cheer program our church family as agreed to sponsor five families in need this year. ybil White (584-6495) and Gertrude Liscum (o.538-030; h. 584-8743) will head this year's project. OU are needed to provide unwrapped, new clothing, ood items, and toys for the families described below. lease call Sybil or Gertrude and give of yourself for hristmas!

e sure to label your gifts accordingly.
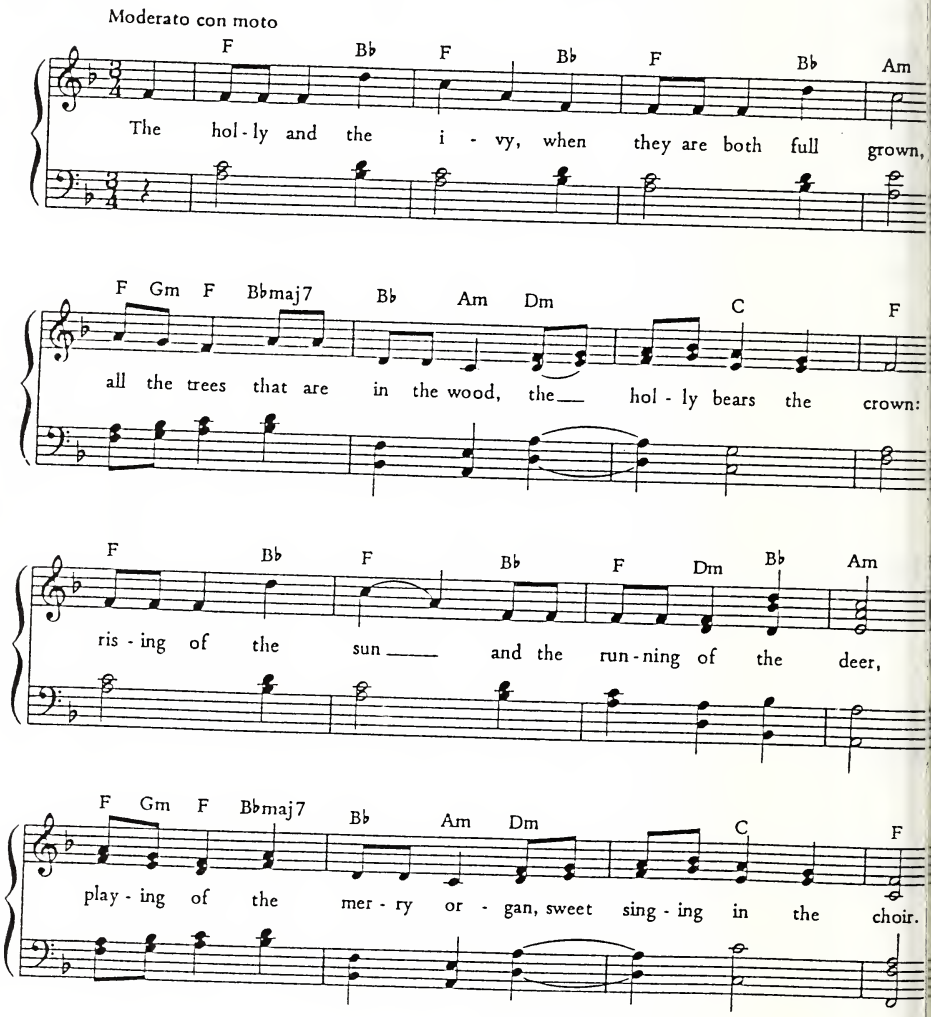
Family No.	Age	Sex	Clothing size	Shoe size
536	32	F	Medium	7 1/2
	7	F	ch. 6	12
	5	M	ch. 5	11
541	27	M	32/32 Medium	9W
	25	F	30/30 Med./Lg	8 1/2
	8	M	10 reg/10-12	2 1/2
	6	F	8 reg./ 7-8	1 1/2
	5mos.	F	12 mos.	
544	39	M	34 Medium	7 1/2
	39	F	Large	7 1/2
	13	M	28 Medium	7 1/2
	8	F	8-9	11 1/2
	5	F	6 - 7	8 1/2
543	21	F	9-10 Medium	7
	6	M	5-6	14
	3	M	4	8 1/2
542	25	F	18	9
	6	M	7	14
	3wks	F	New Born	

The Holly and the Ivy

Words: Traditional English · Music: Traditional English

In early times, when reference was made in song or verse to "holly" or "ivy," the meaning holly stood for the male, ivy for the female.

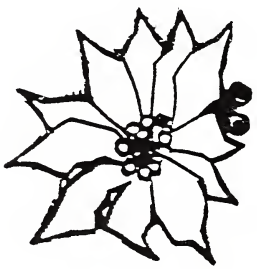
As was the custom in England with the old Christmas songs, this carol was printed on "broadsides" for all the people to sing.

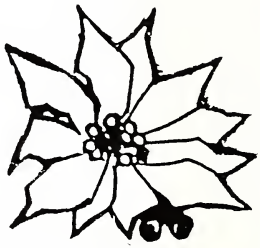


THE POINSETTIAS ARE DEDICATED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Aitcheson in honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of our dear friend, Anne Dietrich.
Arch and Liz Aitcheson in honor of Scot and Joy Aitcheson, Archie and Lois Aitcheson.
Arch, Liz, and Joy Aitcheson in honor of Charles Woolsey and in memory of Alma Lynch and Rob Woody.
Shannon Albertson in honor of Mark, Andrea, and Macon Albertson and in memory of Macie Harris.
Bill and Carey Andes in honor of our grandchildren, Matt and Julie Krueger Andes.
Lois M. Bost in honor of Mr. M. Mark McAdams.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Y. Boyd in honor of Hope Martin's 10th birthday.
Faye and Tom Conally in honor of Mrs. H. G. Conally and in memory of Mr. H. G. Conally and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Danieley.
J. L. and Vera Dixon in honor of Tara Thompson.
Verona and Earl Danieley in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hurst, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes, and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton.
Emmett and Katherine Floyd in memory of Alma Lynch.
Melva Foster and Sara Dodson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Foster.
Gene and Jo Grimley in memory of Mrs. Kate S. McAdams, Mr. Leroy Hughes, and Mr. Howard Loy.
Barbara Guerin in memory of Theodore A. Guerin.
Earl and Phoebe Harrison in honor our grandchildren.
Mrs. Faye Heath in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Talbott and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Talbott.
Mrs. Leroy Hughes, David and Charlotte in memory of Leroy S. Hughes.
Kathleen and Gene Lankford in honor of Jeanne Purdyant family and in memory of Marshal Lou Lankford.
Bill and Cheryl Linde in memory of Rufus and Dorothy Jones, Charles Braden, Wayne Brown, and Owen Linde.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum and children in memory of Marion C. Liscum and John W. Barney, Jr.
Juanita Loy in memory of Howard Loy and Janet Loy Faulkner.
Jane McLelland in memory of Andy McLelland and Reggie McLelland.
Marsh and Pearl McLelland in memory of Reggie and Ann McLelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr., Foy Matlock, and Mrs. Gladys J. Simpson.
Elizabeth and Matthew Mayse in honor of our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayse, Mrs. W. A. Lippard and in memory of our grandfather, Mr. W. A. Lippard.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller to Glorify God.
Elizabeth Parker in memory of Russell Bruce Parker.
Miss Caroline Powell in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Powell Brentley.
Brian and Amy Rose in memory of Mamaw Lynch and Rob Woody.
Mary and Bill Ruth in memory of Mary's mother, Ruth Coolidge.
Dr. and Mrs. Walstein W. Snyder in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Archie Aitcheson and family and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mann and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Snyder.
Jim and Roberta Starr in honor of Mrs. Lois Bost, Mrs. Florance Smith and in memory of our parents.
Evelyn Terrell in honor of Rev. Charles Terrell, Diana, Rob, and Wendy, Mrs. James Underhill and in memory of William B. Terrell and Col. William B. Terrell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Yancey Tickle in memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Broadie Tickle, Mr. and Mrs. Milan Michael Kraycirik.
Dolores and John Truitt in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson.
In memory of Jim Underhill by his family.
Ann and Earl Vickers in memory of Mrs. Alma Lynch.
Cile Welborn in memory of my best friend ever, Martha Almeida.
The Jeff Wilkins family in honor of Arch, Liz, and Joy Aitcheson, Diane Jones, Delma and Carolyn Cummings.
Stan and Estelle Willard in memory of Mother and Daddy Lynch and Rob Woody.
Robin, Patricia, Emily, and Matthew Woody in memory of our son and brother, Rob Woody and our father and grandfather, Walter C. Perry, Jr.





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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maurice J. Bonney and Anthony Scarlata by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scarlata.

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Child Care during worship today: Marie Wilkins/Marie Acquilano. Next week: Cile Welborn/Elizabeth Mayse. Nursery today: Susan Barbee/Lydia Troxler. Next week: Lou Harper/Shannon Albertson.

ATTENTION! CAST OF CHRISTMAS PLAY...
Please mark your calendars for Rehearsal Dates!
Sunday, December 12 - 5:00-6:30 p.m. - EVERYONE

Please work on your speaking parts on your own and try to have them learned by December 12.

Thank you from Betty Walker.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 1993

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Rejoice over everything. Exult. Exhilarate. Be glad. Be delighted, elated, and bowled over with joy! Frolic freely, hop, hope, dance on the dare, cheer, champion the little ones, revel in the riotous light. Invoke God without ceasing. Pray with passion. Whatever you do, do not quench the Spirit. Take care not to douse or dampen the bold blaze in your depths. Jump into life. Hold fast to it. Give thanks for everything. For everything, even the most misshapen and misunderstood, is the disguise of the divine.

Rev. Susan Virginia Hull
Circular Congregational Church
Charleston, SC

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

"How can I thank you for the generous check just delivered? I am still shaking (literally). It has come in a very needed time as I had to have my gas furnace replaced. . . . I hope you can read the writing, as I am overwhelmed. What a Christmas surprise! I am ninety-three, and I most certainly thank you for your consideration of me. Thank you, thank you, and now I will try to calm myself."

Those words, sent to the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, show how one recipient felt about her gift check from the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross. Your contributions to this all-church offering blessed her. She wished to thank and bless you. During the holiday season, many other specially-selected retired UCC clergy families across the country—and in a few other lands—are rejoicing at the receipt of a special gift from the Christmas Fund.

In addition to these Christmas Checks, gifts to the offering support emergency grants made throughout the year to active and retired clergy families. Grants for hearing aids, for example. Their cost can be a major hurdle to someone with a low retirement income. Yet neither Medicare nor the UCC Health Plan covers that expense. But there is help, because your contributions to the Christmas Fund provide it.

The Christmas Fund also helps support the UCC supplementation plan. This plan increases the income of eligible retired clergy whose pensions are inadequate to their needs. In addition, it subsidizes the UCC Health Plan for qualified low-income retired clergy and lay workers.

Christmas is a time for remembering and giving. Faithful UCC pastors, church workers, and their families will not feel they are forgotten as long as we give generously to the Christmas Fund.

The Pension Boards



she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 RSV

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Christmas Morning
Ten o'clock in the Morning

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PRELUDE Selected Music

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

***CAROL** **No. 132**
'O Come, All Ye Faithful'

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GOSPEL LESSON I **Matthew 1: 18 - 25**

***CAROL** **No. 117**
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" verses 1 & 2

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: The Morning Star shines and brightly tells of the coming of Light into the world. All is well with my soul, O God. Help me to reach for the mercy and forgiveness of the one who is named for Salvation. Allow Jesus to be born in me that I might know the grace and peace that you offer. Change my life that I might reflect the joy of this day in all my days. In Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Passing the Peace

Allied Churches of Alamance County

SHARING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is received by all of us as a wonderful gift and blessing, a time of joy, love, sharing and celebration.

Christmas is experienced by many of the persons and families who are served at Allied Churches of Alamance County as a time of pain and depression. Many have no families or are estranged from them. There will be little word of hope or gesture of concern or act of sharing beyond what we provide at our Emergency Night Shelter, our Good Shepherd Community Kitchen and our Christian Assistance Network.

So far this year we have already met with nearly 800 families in our Christian Assistance work. We once again have fed and housed hundreds of our neighbors. The needs continue.

Please consider a gift to Allied Churches of Alamance County for the services of our Ministries Center. We should be as generous with God's larger family who are in need as we are with or own families. A list of particular needs is provided on the reverse of this page for your consideration as you prepare your Christmas list. Join with your Christian friends in generosity and may this season be blessed for you and yours.

Allied Churches of Alamance County, Inc.
MINISTRIES CENTER
206 N. Fisher Street
P.O. Box 2581
Burlington, NC 27216
(910) 229-0881

WISH LIST of items needed
for the
GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY KITCHEN
and the
EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER

Food:
- coffee
- tea
- creamer
- sugar
- mayonnaise
- pop-tarts
- tang
- ketchup
- potatoes

Cleansers:
- laundry detergent
- lysol spray
- liquid dish detergent
- liquid lysol/pinesol
- dishwasher detergent

Worship needs:
- Bibles
- chapel stained glass window
- altar cross

Items in good condition:
- bath towels
- dish towels
- pillows
- facecloths

Disposables:
- plastic forks
- plastic spoons
- 12 oz. styrofoam cups
- dessert paper plates
- stir sticks
- toilet tissue
- sectional styrofoam plat

Men's clothing:
- socks
- gloves
- casual jackets
- underclothing
- sweaters
- tennis shoes
- boots

Office supplies:
- postage stamps
- copier paper
- receptionist desk
- file cabinets

Other:
- electric can opener
- $500 for interior signs
- ice machine
- literature racks
- push lawn mower

CAROL **No. 132**
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" **ADESTE FIDELES**

THE BIRTH NARRATIVE **Luke 2: 1 - 7**

CAROL **No. 140**
"What Child Is This?" **GREENSLEEVES**
THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM Luke 2: 15 - 20

*CAROL No. 134
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYER

PASTOR'S MEDITATION Rev. Arch Aitcheson

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION
As is our custom we invite all who believe in Christ and desire to live at peace with their brothers and sisters to come to this table and receive the bread of life and the cup of the new covenant. Our method is called intincture. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice before returning to your seat.

THE GOOD NEWS **John 1: 1 - 5**

***CAROL** **No. 130**
"Joy To The World" **ANTIOCH**

***BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE**

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We welcome all to this service of celebration at the birth of Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend. We hope the spirit of this night will touch your life and bring you the joy of God's love and the hope of Christ's promise!
Merry Christmas!

*All are invited to stand



THE SHEPHERDS
Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528)

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
December 24, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Evening
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
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PRELUDE *"Stille Nacht"* Mannheim Steamrolle

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN verses 1 & 2** **No. 11(**
'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' VENI EMMANUE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: The night is dark . . .
P: As we wait and watch like shepherds of old.
L: A light will come . . .
P: To brighten our lives and bring hope to the world
L: Worship the God of the Prophets . . .
P: And live in the promise of the Messiah!
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

CHRISTMAS EVE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses . . .)

CAROL verses 1 & 2 **No. 115**
"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

PROPHETIC CALL Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

CAROL **verses 1 & 2** **No. 128**
"In the Bleak Midwinter"

VISION OF HOPE AND COVENANT **Matt. 1: 18 - 25**

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
UNISON: Are we afraid, God? Are we afraid of the Good News of Jesus' birth? Like Joseph, do we plot to put the situation aside quietly? Do we forget the promise of the prophets? Forgive us, God, for denying Jesus room in our lives on this Christmas Eve. Help us to witness the awesome power of that birth moment in us. Lead us in the way of his love and in the paths of your mercy. Amen.
Words of Assurance
***Passing the Peace**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!
(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

CAROL **verses 3 & 4** **No. 134**
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ANGELIC PROCLAMATION **Luke 1: 26 - 38**

ANTHEM **Solo by Rachel Dillashaw**
"Breath of Heaven" Chris Eaton & Amy Grant

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
The Call to Give

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Liturgical Dance Presentation
Joy Aitcheson & Emily Woody, dancers
"Traditional Christmas" Chip Davis
from A Fresh Aire Christmas Am. Gramaphone 1988
Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS **Luke 2: 8 - 15**

CAROL **verses 1 & 2** **No. 129**
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

THE BIRTH **Luke 2: 1 - 7**

***CAROL** **No. 130**
"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to come for the feast of Christ's Redeeming Love on this Christmas Eve. As is our custom our method for the sacrament is intincture. Receive the bread and dip it into the chalice. The partake. Come forward by the central aisle and return by the side aisle to your seat.

THE WORD MADE FLESH John 1:1 - 5; 14 - 18

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SOLO Ray Covington
"O Holy Night"

PRAYER FOR THE NEW MORN

CAROL **No. 132**
"O Come, All Ye Faithful!"

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Merry Christmas!

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LIGHTING OF CANDLES AND THE CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

Follow the worship participants to the doors of the sanctuary where you will receive light for your candle. Proceed to the front walk and portico and remain until all candles are lighted. We will sing "Silent Night" as the new morning's benediction!

*All are invited to stand


Do not be afraid





Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
December 19, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
Fourth Sunday in Advent

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT *"An Advent Prayer"* Allen Pote
Scripture Luke 2: 13 -14
Reading "Angels We Have Heard On High"
Lighting of the "Prophecy,Bethlehem, Shepherds' & Angels'Candles"

*HYMN OF FAITH INSERT
'The Holly and the Ivy' verses 1 - 4

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GOSPEL LESSON  Luke 1: 26 - 38

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

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The Call to Give

Offertory Anthem

"Prelude:'The Coventry Carol' " K. Walton

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer of Dedication**



THE KING OF LOVE

A Christmas Carol Play

by Betty Lou and Ronald A. Nelson

Directed by Mrs. Betty Walker,
Organist and Choir Director

CAST

Seth and Miriam	Brother and sister, children of
Obadiah and Sarah	Innkeepers in Bethlehem
Ezra	A Shepherd, brother of Sarah
Caleb and Rebecca	Ezra's Children
Jacob and Hannah	A Samaritan Couple
Ruth	Their young daughter
Mary and Joseph	
Shepherds	
Angels	
Travelers	
Children	



SCENE ONE The Inn at Bethlehem . . .

"Come, Let Us Work" Seth and Miriam

"Hark the Glad Sound" Miriam, Seth, Sarah

Congregation sings verse 4:

4. Our Glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel" Travelers

Congregation sings second stanza:

Oh, Come, Oh Come, great Lord of Might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you,
O Israel.

"O Chief of Cities, Bethlehem" Travelers

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Congregation sings two verses:

O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

"Rise Now, The Kingdom Is At Hand"

Congregation sings second verse:

Look up, you souls weighed with care. The Savior is not far.
Look up, faint hearts from your despair. Behold the morning star!
Look up, you drooping hearts, today! The King is very near.
Oh cast your griefs and fears away, for, lo, your help is here!

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (Reprise)"

Congregation sings second verse:

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

"The Lord Be With You" Tallis Canon

Obidiah, Sarah, Miriam, Rebecca



SCENE TWO Shepherds in the Fields . . .

"The First Noel"

Congregation sings verses one and two:

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.



Then let us with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

Congregation joins on second verse:

As a star God's holy Word leads us to our King and Lord.
Brightly from its sacred pages shall this light throughout
the ages,
Shine upon our path of life, shine upon our path of life.

"From Heaven Above" Angel and Angel Chorus

Congregation joins as directed . . .

These are the signs which you will see
To let you know that it is he:
In manger-bed, in swaddling clothes,
The child who all the earth upholds!

"Angels We Have Heard on High! Angel Gloria

Congregation sings after glorias:

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the
plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ria, In Excelsis Deo; Glo-ria, In Excelsis Deo.

Shepherds sing verse two.

Congregation joins on second gloria . . .

Glo-ria, In Excelsis Deo; Glo-ria, In Excelsis Deo.

SCENE THREE The Stable in Bethlehem . . .

*CAROL No. 120
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" 3 verses
"Lullaby, Jesus Child" Mary & Angel Chorus
"As Lately We Watched" Shepherds
"Oh, Come, Little Children" Families, Angels, Shepherds
"Away In A Manger" Children, Angels, Shepherds

Congregation sings verses two and three:

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there!

"What Can I Give Him?" Chorus

CAROL (remain seated) No. 138
"Silent Night" verses one and three

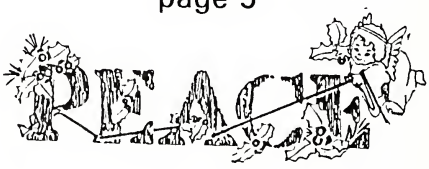
*CAROL No. 130
"Joy to the World!" verses one and three

*CAROL "Go Tell It On the Mountain!"

Go Tell it on the Mountain,
Over the Hills and Everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is Born! (Repeat as directed!)

POSTLUDE *"Joy To The World"* arr. Bennett Andrews

*** All are invited to stand.**



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 P.M. Soup/Sandwich Supper & Caroling
Sr. High/ Middle Highs/ Families/ Adults!

MONDAY, DEC. 20

7:00 p.m. Scouts

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

9:30 to 10:30 Church Staff Time
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

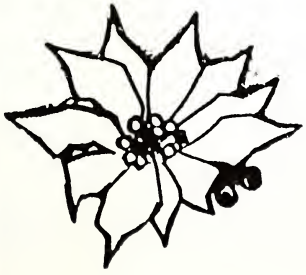
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service of Scripture and Carols

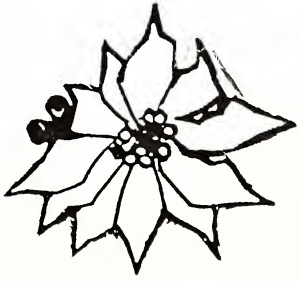
SUNDAY, DEC. 26

11:00 a.m. First Sunday in Christmastide!

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our daughter and her husband, Mary Lynn and Kim Redmond for their fourth wedding anniversary by Doris and Biff Brafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr., Foy Matlock, and Mrs. Gladys J. Simpson.
Elizabeth and Matthew Mayse in honor of our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayse, Mrs. W. A. Lippard and in memory of our grandfather, Mr. W. A. Lippard.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller to Glorify God.
Elizabeth Parker in memory of Russell Bruce Parker.
Miss Caroline Powell in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Powell Brentley.
Brian and Amy Rose in memory of Mamaw Lynch and Rob Woody.
Mary and Bill Ruth in memory of Mary's mother, Ruth Coolidge.
Dr. and Mrs. Walstein W. Snyder in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Archie Aitcheson and family and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mann and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Snyder.
Jim and Roberta Starr in honor of Mrs. Lois Bost, Mrs. Florance Smith and in memory of our parents.
Evelyn Terrell in honor of Rev. Charles Terrell, Diana, Rob, and Wendy, Mrs. James Underhill and in memory of William B. Terrell and Col. William B. Terrell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Yancey Tickle in memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Broadie Tickle, Mr. and Mrs. Milan Michael Kraycirik.
Dolores and John Truitt in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson.
In memory of Jim Underhill by his family.
Ann and Earl Vickers in memory of Mrs. Alma Lynch.
Cile Welborn in memory of my best friend ever, Martha Almeida.
The Jeff Wilkins family in honor of Arch, Liz, and Joy Aitcheson, Diane Jones, Delma and Carolyn Cummings.
Stan and Estelle Willard in memory of Mother and Daddy Lynch and Rob Woody.
Robin, Patricia, Emily, and Matthew Woody in memory of our son and brother, Rob Woody and our father and grandfather, Walter C. Perry, Jr.





THE POINSETTIAS ARE DEDICATED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Aitcheson in honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of our dear friend, Anne Dietrich.
Arch and Liz Aitcheson in honor of Scot and Joy Aitcheson, Archie and Lois Aitcheson.
Arch, Liz, and Joy Aitcheson in honor of Charles Woolsey and in memory of Alma Lynch and Rob Woody.
Shannon Albertson in honor of Mark, Andrea, and Macon Albertson and in memory of Macie Harris.
Bill and Carey Andes in honor of our grandchildren, Matt and Julie Krueger Andes.
Lois M. Bost in honor of Mr. J. Mark McAdams.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Y. Boyd in honor of Hope Martin's 10th birthday.
Faye and Tom Conally in honor of Mrs. H. G. Conally and in memory of Mr. H. G. Conally and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Danieley.
J. L. and Vera Dixon in honor of Tara Thompson.
Verona and Earl Danieley in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hurst, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes, and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton.
Emmett and Katherine Floyd in memory of Alma Lynch.
Melva Foster and Sara Dodson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Foster.
Gene and Jo Grimley in memory of Mrs. Kate S. McAdams, Mr. Leroy Hughes, and Mr. Howard Loy.
Barbara Guerin in memory of Theodore A. Guerin.
Earl and Phoebe Harrison in honor our grandchildren.
Mrs. Faye Heath in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Talbott and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Talbott.
Mrs. Leroy Hughes, David and Charlotte in memory of Leroy S. Hughes.
Kathleen and Gene Lankford in honor of Jeanne Purdyant family an in memory of Marshal Lou Lankford.
Bill and Cheryl Linde in memory of Rufus and Dorothy Jones, Charles Braden, Wayne Brown, and Owen Linde.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum and children in memory of Marion C. Liscum and John W. Barney, Jr.
Juanita Loy in memory of Howard Loy and Janet Loy Faulkner.
Jane McLelland in memory of Andy McLelland and Reggie McLelland.
Marsh and Pearl McLelland in memory of Reggie and Ann McLelland.

The Holly and the Ivy

Words: Traditional English · Music: Traditional English

1. The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown:

Refrain:
The rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

2. The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Savior:

3. The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good:

4. The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn:

5. The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all:

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the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end

Lamentations 3.22



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 1993

Luke 1:30

One consistent truth about human history is that—suddenly, unexpectedly—God appears, and our lives radically change. Moses, Lot, David, Peter, Paul and countless other biblical heroes each had a dramatic rendezvous with God. Everything was immediately different. So it was too with Augustine, Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

But there may have been no more climactic encounter with our Creator than Mary's. One day God's angel, Gabriel, surprised her. "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God!" Mary probably said to herself, "That sounds great, but what does *favor* mean?" "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son," said Gabriel. You can almost hear Mary thinking, "I guess that's all right, but why me? I don't have a husband—and that's only the first problem!" It's true, isn't it? When God appears human beings respond immediately with fear, skepticism, and a sense of inadequacy, or all three!

Two thoughts are important. First, God's knowledge answers all our questions. There lies the antidote for every fear. Mary couldn't possibly perceive God's intention for the child she would bear. This Jesus, the only child of God, would establish a marvelous vision about love and peace and justice in human hearts everywhere. Only God could know the height and depth and breadth of that astounding plan and purpose. In the fullness of time Mary discovered she could rely without fear upon the same knowledge and intentions of God! Human beings have made the same discovery in every generation.

Second, nothing is impossible for God. Consider what a spectacularly stupendous event the birth of Jesus was! In that moment a brand new covenant between God and God's people was instituted. God actually appeared on earth in human form. The world could never be the same! That was something only God could do. An incredible drama commenced. When it concluded with the resurrection of Jesus the imposing barriers between life and death were shattered forever. The birth of Jesus of Nazareth that we celebrate this week demonstrated forever the awesome power, the amazing love, and the undying faithfulness of God.

It's no wonder Gabriel said "Don't be afraid!" When God comes to us—suddenly, unexpectedly, changing our lives—we may be surprised, but there is never any need to fear!

Rev. Charles Shelby Rooks
North Brunswick, NJ


Glory to God

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
December 24, 1993 Seven-thirty in the Evening
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
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PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN verses 1 & 2** **No. 128**
'In The Bleak Midwinter' CRANHAM

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: In the midst of the darkness . . .
P: There shone a great light!
L: That light shines in the darkness . . .
P: And the darkness did not overcome it!
L: In God there was a life from the beginning. . .
P: And that life was the light of all people!
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

CHRISTMAS EVE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses . . .)

CAROL verses 1 & 2 **No. 121**
"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

PROPHETIC CALL **Isaiah 42: 1 - 9**

CAROL verses 1 & 2 **No. 110**
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VISION OF HOPE AND COVENANT Matt. 1: 18 - 25

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Personal Prayers of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Are we afraid, God? Are we afraid of the Good News of Jesus' birth? Like Joseph, do we plot to put the situation aside quietly? Do we forget the promise of the prophets? Forgive us, God, for denying Jesus room in our lives on this Christmas Eve. Help us to witness the awesome power of that birth moment in us. Lead us in the way of his love and in the paths of your mercy. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

CAROL verses 3 & 4 No. 134
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ANGELIC PROCLAMATION Luke 1: 26 - 38

ANTHEM Solo by Rachel Dillashaw
"Breath of Heaven" Chris Eaton & Amy Grant

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

The Call to Give

Offertory Carol verses 3 & 4 **No. 128**
"In The Bleak Midwinter"

To be sung as ushers collect the Christmas offering.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS **Luke 2: 8 - 15**

CAROL **verses 1 & 2** **No. 129**
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

THE BIRTH **Luke 2: 1 - 7**

***CAROL** **No. 130**
"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ushers will guide you to come forward to receive the sacrament. You are asked to take a piece of bread from a server and then to dip the bread in the chalice at that station before returning to your seat.

As people are being served the rest of the congregation is invited to sing the Carols below:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 120
"Angels We Have Heard On High!" No. 116
"Away in A Manger" No. 137

THE WORD MADE FLESH John 1:1 - 5; 14 - 18

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CAROL **No. 132**
"O Come, All Ye Faithful!"

SACRED DANCE BENEDICTION *"Silent Night"*
Joy Aitcheson & Emily Woody, dancers
Music by Mannheim Steamroller
Christmas American Gramaphone 1984

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES** As you leave the sanctuary the ushers will hand out candles. Receive a light from the pastor or deacon at the door, then assemble on the front lawn facing the church. When all have assembled we will sing Silent Night as our Benediction.

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Ve welcome all to this service of celebration at the irth of Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend. We hope the pirit of this night will touch your life and bring you ne joy of God's love and the hope of Christ's romise!
Merry Christmas!

*All are invited to stand

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my eyes have seen your
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Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
December 26, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
First Sunday in Christmastide

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PRELUDE — Gwen Harris, guest organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Go, tell it from the mountaintops . . .
PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is Born!
Leader: Sing out in the valleys and plains . . .
PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is Born!
Leader: Let us celebrate that truth in worship, praye
and song!

***HYMN OF FAITH** — **No. 13**
'Joy to the World!' — ANTIOCH

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEBREW LESSON — Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:

***CAROL** — **No. 140**
"What Child Is This?" verses 1 & 2 — GLORIA

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession

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PRELUDE

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NOW is the time to think of gifts for friends, relatives, co-workers --- all of those special people you want to remember at Christmas (or other special occasions.)

Why not make a donation to Meals on Wheels in honor of that special someone and at the same time help feed the homebound, elderly and disabled of Alamance County and Gibsonville.

Send Donation To:

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Congregational Prayer of Confession

UNISON: Forgive us, God, for looking for your Gift of Love under Christmas trees. Forgive our obsession with selecting or receiving the "perfect gift". Remind us that it has been given in Bethlehem many years ago. Remind us that your PERFECT GIFT continues to offer us hope and mercy. Forgive us, God, and transform us by his birth! In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** **No. 513**

***Passing the Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Trespasses...)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

During the Offertory PLEASE pass the Friendship Ritual Folders through the pews. Print your name and address and phone number whether you are a member or a visitor. Pass the folder back down the pew so that all may get better acquainted!

The Call to Give Elizabeth Mayse

Offertory Anthem

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication Lydia Troxler

Please remain standing for the hymn . . .

***HYMN** **No. 120**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Children GRADES TWO AND BELOW are welcome to leave on verse two for the second hour program downstairs in the Christian Education Classrooms.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 22 - 40

THE SERMON **Rev. Arch Aitcheson**

"A New Face . . . A New Name!"

PRAYER OF MISSION

***CAROL** **No. 132**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*ALL ARE INVITED TO STAND

We welcome **Ms. Gwen Harris** as our guest organist this morning in Betty Walker's absence. Do greet her in the spirit of Christian friendship following worship.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, DEC. 27

No Boy Scouts this week.
Church Office Closed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

9:30-10:30 a.m. - Church Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Club Bible Study

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

Church Office Closed.

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Child Care during worship today: Karen Worst & Lydia Troxler. Nursery today: Verona Danieley & Amy Rose. Next week: Heidi Danieley & Shannon Albertson.

The Liturgist for this Sunday morning is Dr. Jeff Wilkins.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 1993

Luke 2:30

Persons blinded since birth and gifted with vision later in life often become oppressed by the enormous size of the world; some are unable to make sense of shadow and shape and long to return to the security of a sightless world. But others are astounded with the dazzling of every detail. As Annie Dillard relates, a sun-splattered shrub became "the tree with the lights in it!" to one elated girl. When we learn, like that child, to see the shining god in every face and fixture, then we will share the wisdom of Simeon and Anna and say, "Surely my eyes have seen your salvation!"

Rev. Susan Virginia Hull
Circular Congregational Church
Charleston, SC

LAY PASTOR AND DEVELOPMENT WORKER

In Africa, as in the United States, church vocations aren't just for men anymore. Women of all ages are responding to the call, and the new opportunities, of Christian ministry.

Take Belinda Ndlovu, for example. The wife of the mayor of Bulawayo, the second city of Zimbabwe, she may not be typical. But she is exemplary.

Belinda is a woman of about sixty years. Judith and Allen Myrick, UCC missionaries with the Zimbabwe Synod of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, first got to know her when she enrolled in the lay pastor training program that Allen helps run. She was accepted for this training by her local church and by the denomination, and did well in her studies, fitting them into a busy life which also included working fulltime at a school. Last year she finished the training and is now assigned as a volunteer lay pastor to one of the twelve congregations in Bulawayo.

In addition, the Myricks report, "Belinda is also now the fulltime 'Women's Worker' of our church." In this new work she helps church women's groups undertake projects to improve their lives. For example, she has met with rural women who want to weave baskets for sale, and use the income to raise pigs. She has worked with another group which is sewing school uniforms, helping them to improve their work and to keep better financial records.

Efforts like these not only give the women some additional income, they also give them a new sense of self-worth. "It has been good to get to know Belinda Ndlovu," the Myricks write, "and to see her serving effectively both as a lay pastor and a development worker."

Helping train and empower women in Southern Africa is just one of the many programs we support with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



THE SHEPHERDS
Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528)

Order of Worship
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
December 24, 1993 Eleven o'clock in the Evening
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
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PRELUDE *"Stille Nacht"* Mannheim Steamroll

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN verses 1 & 2** **No. 11**
'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' VENI EMMANU

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: The night is dark . . .
P: As we wait and watch like shepherds of old.
L: A light will come . . .
P: To brighten our lives and bring hope to the worl
L: Worship the God of the Prophets . . .
P: And live in the promise of the Messiah!
L: Let us pray.(The Congregation may be seated)

CHRISTMAS EVE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses . . .)

CAROL verses 1 & 2 **No. 11**
"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

PROPHETIC CALL Isaiah 42: 1 -

CAROL **verses 1 & 2** **No. 128**
"In the Bleak Midwinter"

VISION OF HOPE AND COVENANT **Matt. 1: 18 - 25**

SERVICE OF CONFESSION
Call to Confession
Personal Prayers of Confession
Congregational Prayer of Confession
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(Extend the hand of reconciliation to your worship neighbors)

CAROL **verses 3 & 4** **No. 134**
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ANGELIC PROCLAMATION **Luke 1: 26 - 38**

ANTHEM **Solo by Rachel Dillashaw**
"Breath of Heaven" Chris Eaton & Amy Grant

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
The Call to Give

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Liturgical Dance Presentation
Joy Aitcheson & Emily Woody, dancers
"Traditional Christmas" Chip Davis
from A Fresh Aire Christmas Am. Gramaphone 1988
Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS **Luke 2: 8 - 15**

CAROL **verses 1 & 2** **No. 129**
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

THE BIRTH **Luke 2: 1 - 7**

***CAROL** **No. 130**
"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to come for the feast of Christ's Redeeming Love on this Christmas Eve. As is our custom our method for the sacrament is intincture. Receive the bread and dip it into the chalice. The partake. Come forward by the central aisle and return by the side aisle to your seat.

THE WORD MADE FLESH John 1:1 - 5; 14 - 18

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SOLO Ray Covington
"O Holy Night"

PRAYER FOR THE NEW MORN

CAROL **No. 132**
"O Come, All Ye Faithful!"

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We welcome all to this service of celebration at the birth of Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend. We hope the spirit of this night will touch your life and bring you the joy of God's love and the hope of Christ's promise!

Merry Christmas!

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LIGHTING OF CANDLES AND THE CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

Follow the worship participants to the doors of the sanctuary where you will receive light for your candle. Proceed to the front walk and portico and remain until all candles are lighted. We will sing "Silent Night" as the new morning's benediction!

*All are invited to stand

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